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VINTAGE SNOW MACHINE--Heavy snows, like those of late, can't deter Frank Brooks of Greenwood from getting around the Rowe Hill neighborhood on his faithful Farmall A (posssibly Super A) tractor. Scott Kent, of Maine Tractor Crossing, in New Canada, offers the following information: "The Farmall A series, which has an 'offset' design, was manufactured by International Harvester from 1939 to 1954. IH Farmall called this 'cultivision,' but it cost IH some money, because Allis Chalmers used this feature first [and held the patent]." The drawbar horsepower was rated at just over 17 PTO, Kent said, and the horsepower at 19. "They weigh in at 2,750 lbs.and can carry 10 gallons of fuel.The price of a new one of these in 1940 was $515. In 1954 the IH /Farmall 100 replaced the Super A, and then the 130. In 1956 and in 1958 the final form of cultivision, the 140. 1959 was the final year for this style tractor. They were popular with town and state governments as highway mowers." For more on Farmalls, see an excellent article on Wikipedia. *(Photo: M. Daniels)*

From seeds to pizza, Local Hub has it all

By TATUM BROWN

Located on Route 26 in Locke's Mills at the former Round Pond Corner Store, The Local Hub is truly unique.

From heirloom and organic seeds and composters to local, farm-fresh dairy and brick oven pizza, The Local Hub has a little bit of everything.

Owners Nick and Janet Bartlett describe the store not as the result of a long-time dream, but rather a natural progression. After establishing their own farm several years ago, they began helping others who were looking to grow their own food by stocking and selling growing supplies.

Nick and Janet quickly discovered that the demand for these supplies extended beyond farmers to others who were interested in growing their own food.

"The store seemed like a good next step," said Janet.

Nick and Janet are strongly committed to the local aspect of their business. They offer a variety of snacks, homemade canned goods, freshly baked breads, and fresh fruits and vegetables, the majority of which are made and grown right here in Maine.

They are looking forward to warmer weather when more local growers will have fresh fruits and vegetables to add to their stock.

In addition to food items, The Local Hub offers all of the growing supplies necessary to start or maintain a garden as well as food prep and cooking tools.

"We have everything you need to get you from the seed to the table," Nick said, and customers can be certain that The Local Hub stands behind what they sell. "Almost everything we carry, we

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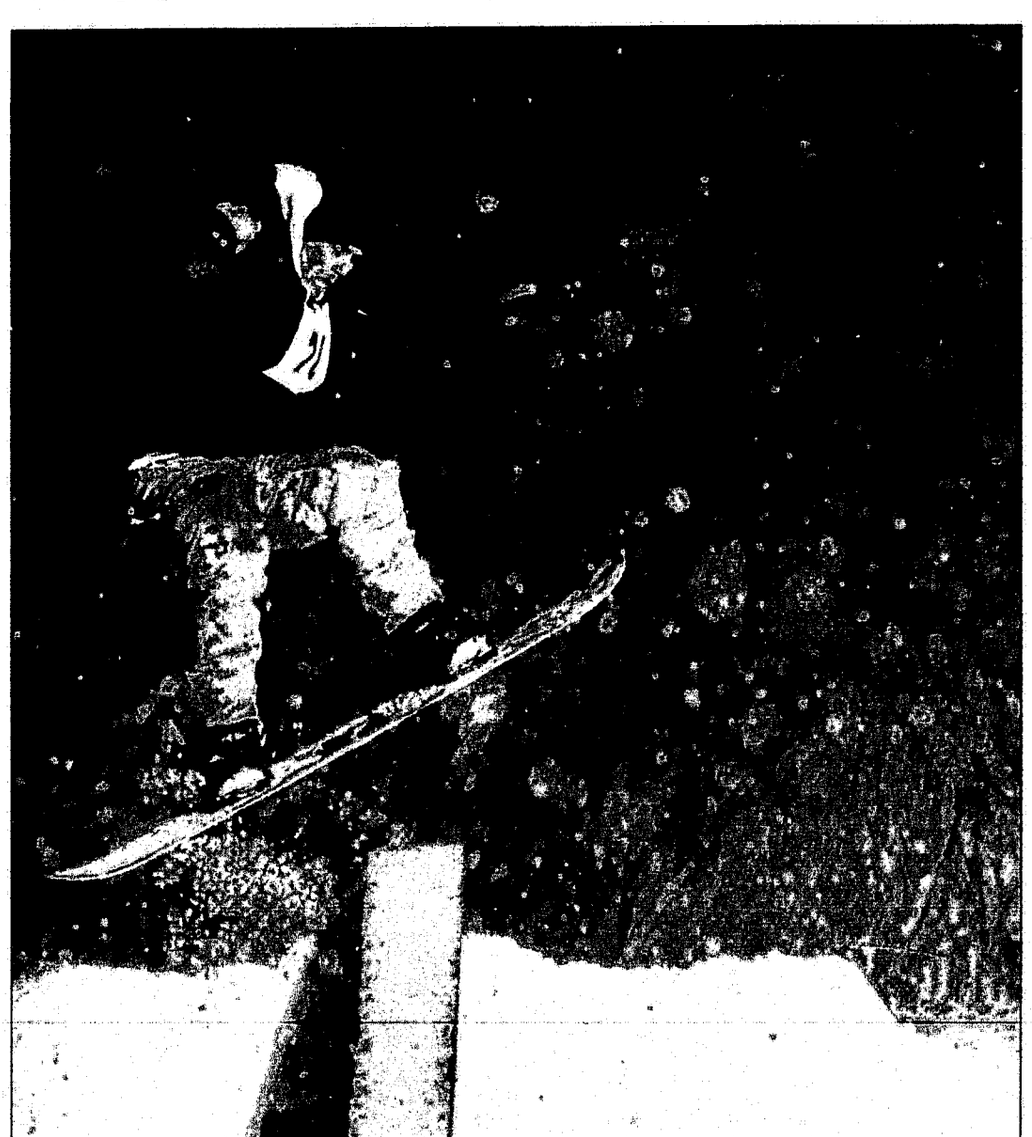

RAIL RETURNS TO BETHEL
The 2013 Rail Wars rail jam took place Saturday night at "Festival Plaza" in Bethel. With the now-dormant snowcano serving as a ramp, freestyle snowboarders and skiers launched themselves off jumps and onto a rail, showing off their spins and flips. A steady snow slowed the competitors, but added to the atmosphere for the spectators. Here, snowboarder Brian May rides the rail. The snowcano is in the background. Winners in snowboarding were: 1. Bo Warren; 2. Zac Anderson; 3. Zach Stewart. Skiing; 1. Blake Wilson; 2. Will Harvey; 3. Matt Chiasson. More photos, Page 8. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

School withdrawal worries in Andover

By ALISON ALOISIO

The freedom to choose where Andover students attend upper grades.

The bottom line cost of a new, independent Andover school system.

The pace of negotiations with SAD 44.

Those were among the concerns of about 30 people who attended an informational meeting Tuesday in Andover about the town's school withdrawal process.

(For background on the withdrawal process, see sidebar, Page 4.)

In negotiations with SAD 44, the Andover Withdrawal Committee is standing firm on keeping the right to choose where its sixth-through-twelfth-graders attend school, should the town withdraw from the district.

Committee members told those at the meeting that the committee this week sent a counterproposal withdrawal agreement with that stipulation to SAD 44.

Member John Percival said the counterproposal states that SAD 44's position that older Andover students must be tuitioned

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Woodstock board considers dam bids

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen are pondering their choice of five bids to rebuild the leaking Lake Christopher dam.

On Tuesday they opened bids for the project, designed by engineer Jim Sysko.

Sysko's original cost estimate was $135,000. The town has been putting aside funds to repair the dam, last year adding $100,000 to an existing $15,000 fund.

Tuesday's base bids ranged from a low of $49,200 from Korhonen Land Care of Woodstock to a high of $123,364 from Wyman and Simpson of Richmond.

The latter company just completed a project on Route 26 in Bryant Pond to rebuild a retaining wall.

The other bids were $71,000 from Cross Excavation of Bethel; $109,000 from Andre's Construction of Bethel; and $109,750 from Bancroft of South Paris.

Each company also provided "overage" bids to cover extra quantities of materials, if needed, over what was included in the

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Hanover road debate goes on

By ALISON ALOISIO

While the appeal on the winter maintenance of the South Shore Road in Hanover is over, the issue is not.

Oxford County commissioners last week affirmed a 2003 vote by selectmen to close the narrow, one-mile dirt road to winter maintenance for 10 years.

But with that 10-year period coming to an end, selectmen will have to revisit the question this year.

That gives Jeff Eaton, the road resident who has led the charge to get the road re-opened to maintenance, as well as the appeal effort, another chance.

The road runs on one side of Howard Pond. Property owners have paid jointly to have the road plowed privately for 20 years, he said.

But Eaton, who said there has been more home construction and improvement along the road in recent years, argues that the property owners should get plowed out in return for their tax dollars. He pays $2,300 a year on his small, winterized camp.

About three dozen homes or seasonal camps are on the road, and about seven are used in the winter. Ea-

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Chop-a-thon supports little leukemia patient

The Root Cellar hair salon on Main Street in Bethel will host a "Chop-a-Thon" Friday, March 1 from 1 to 7 p.m., for leukemia patient Hailey Steward. Area residents are asked to step up and shave their heads in support of 5-year-old Hailey, who will shave her hair as she battles leukemia. Hailey, a kindergartener at the Crescent Park Elementary School, will be at the Root Cellar at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to call 824-3452 to help in scheduling. A donation jar will be available to support "Hailey's Treasures," an effort that provides toys to sick children in hospital emergency rooms.

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Letters

FOR THE DOG PARK

To the Editor:

I have been frequenting dog parks around the country for 9 years, the lifetime of my dog Daisy. We continue to visit dog parks to socialize and exercise, but we must travel to Lewiston, Portland or Conway. For Daisy and me, a dog park in Bethel would be a blessing. If you have not been to a dog park, you might not understand how it works, the benefit to dogs and owners or the value it adds to a community. Some of these have been addressed in other letters and articles, but for the benefit of those who are not familiar with dog parks, let me address a couple of concerns that have been voiced.

Regarding cleaning up after dogs: in all my visits to dog parks, this has never been an issue. Owners know it is their responsibility to clean up after their own dogs which they do willingly in order to maintain a clean and enjoyable environment. And if an owner happens to miss a dropping, others are happy to point it out. Peer pressure for responsible behavior for owners and dogs is quite effective.

Another concern has been the issue of liability. While generally dogs are better behaved when they are socializing off-leash, dogs will be dogs, and a bite here and there can occur. In researching this topic, I have discovered that according to Maine Statute, when a dog causes damage or injury, the owner or keeper of the dog is liable in civil action. I have found a few legal cases of civil actions as a result of events in dog parks around the country, but all of the cases were between individuals with no legal involvement of the municipality. According to the rules for the dog park, dogs must always be controlled by their owners and any dog that becomes aggressive must be leashed and removed.

Finally, regarding the necessity of a dog park: the question should not be whether it is necessary for Bethel to have a dog park, but rather, is it a benefit to the community? The committee is asking only for a space and is willing to fund-raise for the expenses to build it. We want to give Bethel a gift. Who wouldn't want a gift that many will enjoy even if it is not a necessity? Bethel has a place for many people to enjoy a variety of activities from skateboarding to skiing, snowmobiling to canoeing. Even though I do not participate in all of these, I appreciate that many people enjoy them, they bring people to Bethel and they enhance our community. I would hope that the townspeople view the dog park in a like manner and recognize that it is a benefit to Bethel, even if not everyone will chose to use it. I would hope the townspeople view it as a gift to the town since it will be built at no expense to the taxpayers. The park has a place children can play together, so a place for dogs and their owners to play together would only add to the beneficial features of the park area.

Debra Borchardt
Bethel

FLYING MOOSE THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped host Saturday's highly successful Flying Moose Classic XC ski race sponsored by the Bethel Outing Club at the Gould Academy ski trails. We had a terrific turnout for the 7.5 km and 22 km races, as well as the youth events, a 2.25 km race and a lollipop race. The day went smoothly thanks to Gould Academy for donating the use of the field house for registration and the trails at Pine Hill for the races.

We could not have done it without the assistance of many wonderful volunteers including: Brad Clarke, Nick Kline, Julia Reuter, Eric List, Buzz Gamble, Linda Gamble, Mike Hoeh, Lorrie Hoeh, Kate Goldberg, Martha Seigel, Suzanne Pierce, Chris Barstow, Vicky Fimiani, Cathy Heffernan, Tom Deluca, Gary Inman, Sarah Southam, Norm, Dylan and Izaac Greenberg, and others who helped throughout the day. With a special thank you to Wade Kavanaugh for all his work as Chief of Stadium and Tracyn Thayer for coordinating the youth events.

To find complete race results and to learn more about the Bethel Outing Club, go to www.bethelouting.org/.

Jim Reuter, Race Director
Christine Trefethen, Volunteer Coordinator

THANKS FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT

To the Editor:

Thank you Bethel community for the varied opportunities to be entertained, informed and inspired through the arts. Just in the past 30 days, "In the Blood," a multimedia performance portrayed the sweat and grit of Maine lumbermen; the show hanging this month at Artistic Endeavors Art Gallery features Francoise Lagoutte Fetchko, whose paintings capture the essence of our backyard chickadee and splendid scenery we live amongst; inaugural poet, Richard Blanco's recent poetry reading mirrors back to us the strength and beauty of our community; the recent WinterFest Railways Jam rocked as the artistic pretzel, chillax, hip, hop, ride, slide, glide lyrical sports casting of Nate Clukey announced the boarders and skiers getting "nasty" off the Snowcano. Bravo to Bethel for supporting, encouraging, and participating in the arts – film, painting, poetry, engineering a Snowcano, designing trail systems, talented athleticism, providing good music, good food, good fun ... all creative endeavor which enrich our lives.

Planting a seed for the art living inside of you, this year's 9th Annual Shy, Novice and Closeted Art Show is but five months away – Saturday July 6, 2013 with the Artisan's Soiree held on Friday the 5th. This show provides the opportunity and encouragement for any shy, novice or closeted artist to share your work(s) of art. All mediums of artistry, skill level and age are encouraged to participate – paint, clay, wood, metal, fabric, doodles, tattoo graphics, poetry, sculpture .... For more information please Google the show, or call 207-824-3889.

Author Yann Martel, writes in his book "Life of Pi," – "If we, citizens, do not support our artist, then we sacrifice our imagination on the altar of crude reality and we end up believing in nothing and having worthless dreams."

Janet Willie
Bethel

WINTERFEST THANKS

To the Editor:

WinterFest 2013 wrapped up over the weekend and we at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce have many to thank. We hope you got a chance to attend the kick-off party at 22 Broad Street, see the Snowcano "erupt" on Feb. 16, check out the RailWars rail jam on Feb. 23, go sledding on the side of the Snowcano, or take advantage of one of the many events going on around town. We sure do love winter here in the Bethel area.

The generosity of our sponsors and volunteers never ceases to amaze us. Our presenting sponsors were Sunday River and Norway Savings Bank. Sunday River also contributed use of its snowmaking and grooming equipment, which was certainly essential to pulling off the Snowcano snow hill, which can be enjoyed by sledders for the rest of the winter season. Thanks to Brent Larson and Hiram Towle at Sunday River for coordinating efforts there. Many thanks to Jim Doar, and the Town of Bethel, for agreeing to take on the sledding hill as a town event. That partnership was critical to the chamber being able to do the event this year at all! Our true leader and overseer of the project was Jim Sysko – who puts so much of himself into creating these wonderful WinterFest projects we have come to love and some take for granted. Thank you, thank you to Jim for his countless hours of dedication.

A huge thanks to the many other businesses and organizations that planned events all over the area in the spirit of WinterFest, including the GreenStock Snowsports Club who provided FREE Snow Groomer rides on the final Saturday.

Many volunteers donated a great deal of their valuable time to WinterFest. In addition to Jim Sysko, Jim Bennett and Nate Clukey put in countless hours both in planning behind the scenes and out in the cold making things happen. Amanda Moran, Karen Saito, and Jonathan Goldberg also put in a lot of time on the WinterFest planning committee, and Bob Westfall, Doug Wilson, Billy Murphy, Bud Kulick, and "Brownie" all made key hands-on contributions to get the Snowcano built. Ms. Coyne's math class at Telstar helped dig the tunnel which allowed the Snowcano to be lit. Jim Sysko and Susan Coyne worked in the cold and the smoldering Snowcano to build the wood platform at the edge of the Snowcano "cone" to provide a place for folks to look down into the "cone," to provide a take-off platform for the Railjam competitors, and for safety purposes.

Many thanks to those who participated in our Snowman Building Contest! Congratulations to Carol Bourque, our winner, for her snowman creation overlooking Buck's Ledge. Hat's off to Don Best for his runner up creation of a great Snow Dog. You can view all the entries on the Chamber's Facebook page found at http://www.facebook.com/bethelarea.

In-kind sponsors for WinterFest include Bancroft Contracting Corp., Computer Solutions of Maine, CN Brown Company, Savage Contracting, Andre and Jerry Bernier, ProQuip Equipment Rentals and Sales, GreenStock SnowSports, 22 Broad Street, D.A. Wilson and Co., United Rentals, Nabos, Gould Academy, Mt. Abram Resort, and True North Adventureware. Many other sponsors and volunteers assisted with the rail jam to make it a success.

We couldn't do it without all these folks who work hard to make the Bethel area such a special place to live, work, and play! Remember – the sledding hill is OPEN and may be used for the remainder of the winter. Please stay away from the edge of the cone on the top and know that sledding is always done at your own risk. Be safe and have fun!

Robin Zinchuk and Jessie Perkins
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'What do you do for fun?'

One afternoon both girls came running in with stricken faces, Eileen in tears. What now? Out I go; Brandy had both forefeet in his hay crib. This was a predicament I had not been faced with ever; Brandy did not seem a bit nervous about it. Needing time to think, I passed Eileen the measure with a dab of grain in it to feed him. Princess, who had an enormous appetite, called for some too. Eileen wanted to go into the stall with him and try to get him out of the crib but I vetoed this for fear he would fall against her and break some bones. I decided to phone Beth's mother in town and ask her to find B.B. and have him call and tell us what to do. W stayed chatting with Brandy to take his attention so that he would not thrash about and injure himself. Soon we heard the old truck rattling in. B.B. jumped out, went into the bran, telling us to stand back as he grasped Brandy's halter. Presto, by some magic all four feet were back on the floor again. "All right now girls," smiled B.B. and went back to town. This was evidently a trick of Brandy's, as he did it several more times, but luckily only when B.B. was at home. When he was away, we moved Brandy into Sandy's box stall. The girls went off for their ride, came back safely and were brushing their horses. Then Beth came running in. Princess had broken her halter. Out I go again. Princess was standing placidly on the barn floor. This was a simple problem. I knew that she was such a greedy horse that she would only think of eating.

"Just take her by the mane," I told Beth, "and lead her into her stall and put up the chain behind her; she won't move. B.B. will put some new straps on your halter when he comes."

The girls brought their lunches with them on weekends, bagged up some hay and grain and ate on the mountain, wonderful days. Their friend, Becky, did not keep her horse here, but she joined them often for trail rides, had B.B. check her horse's shoes and fit bridles. Their friends came to admire the mounts but the boys were not interested in riding. Dotti's friends came to see Sandy. After three o'clock there always was a crowd about, no generation gap. One day General Jim came to take Brigadoon and arrived at the same time as the girls. He was in mufti. Consuelo, his wife, and I smiled as he patiently let the girls instruct him as to just what tack to use and how B.B. managed the horse. They went off. Consuelo and I just settled for a catching up of three years' activities chat when some boys came; then Mrs. P.A.T. entertaining the wife of the democratic candidate for governor. She said she was delighted to meet a boy named Davy Crockett. He and his friend lost no time in telling her that they were Republicans.

The three girls, whom we called the first triumvirate, were always polite, always asked permission for everything, always did exactly as they were told to do. How much they grumbled about us when we were out of sight, we knew not, but felt that they deserved to in private. Only once did I scold and this time from fright. They rode into the cold weather. An early snow had left only a dusting of cover over patches of ice in the yard. B.B. left word it was all right to ride but to watch the ice carefully. They went off cautiously enough but returning Beth was ahead, coming at a good spanking trot. She did not take up the reins, and rode onto the ice patch. Princess fell down, Beth stepped off, Princess arose like a ballerina and Beth led her into the barn. No one had even a scratch but I burst out, "If you ever trot a horse over glare ice again, I'll not let you step one foot on this place again."

B.B. was always hoping to make an Olympic rider. These three went on to college, to being instructors at summer camps, to take advanced lessons in dressage, but always the lure of marriage and motherhood won out. They were the first of a long line of young folk whom we referred to as "B.B.'s horse girls." Some he bought horses for, some he taught to ride, some came only to visit, some to ask questions about tack, some to have injuries tended if a veterinarian was not available. We enjoyed them all. Having been a mucker of the barn and a spectator, I decided that now I, too, would learn to ride. B.B. bought Duchess for me.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The ground was frozen deeper than usual, causing more freezing problems for Bethel Water District employees.

Eight-year-old Shawn Kneeland of Andover was honored for his quick, and calm, action in reporting a fire he discovered when he arrived home from school.

Births: Isaiah Darrin Reynolds, Shelby Anne Thorman, Cullen Daniel Couture.

Deaths: Hermon H. Cummings, Jr., Paul G. Kailey, John Paterson.

20 years ago: The seven islands in the Androscoggin known as the Philbrook Islands were donated to the Mahoosuc Land Trust by Roy Newton.

A bobcat was live-trapped at West Bethel village and transported to a new forest home.

Births: Kimberlei Autumn Dean, Emily Ann Gaudreau.

Deaths: Leon Hadley, Jr., Rev. Evans I. Wilson, Raymond A. Hutchins, Charles Joseph Freeman.

30 years ago: Alan B. Ordway, President of the Gould Academy Board of Trustees, announced that William P. Clough III had been named the Academy's new headmaster.

Jean Owen was promoted to Loan Department Supervisor at the Bethel Savings Bank.

Birth: Joseph Adam Gaudreau.

Deaths: Margery E. Bailey, Mary L. Gammon.

40 years ago: Allen Bancroft of Paris Hill became Manager of P.H. Chadbourne & Co.'s Construction Division.

Telstar Regional High School walked off with top honors in the S.P.A. sponsored Class "B" Ski Championships held in Bethel and Locke Mills.

Births: Shelly Ann Corriveau, Christian Robert Hutchins, Angilia Ruokolainen, Virginia Lee Stoddard.

Deaths: William Clifford Pawe, Gerald A. Day.

50 years ago: Gertrude Waldron and Ginevra Bean performed their toe routine from "Babes in Toyland" on Youth Cavalcade.

The diesel saw mill at the P.H. Chadbourne & Co. plant at South Bethel was destroyed. Loss was estimated at more than $5,000.

Births: Alberta Carole Smith, David Roy Korhonen.

60 years ago: In avoiding a collision with pulp trucks on Route 2 in Shelburne, a Merrill transport tank truck left the road and struck a tree. The driver, Richard Hayden of Portland, suffered a concussion and multiple bruises.

Births: Melody Val Ring, Thomas James Juliano.

Deaths: Miss Emma Furlong, Lloyd L. Flint.

70 years ago: Bethel's budget committee recommendations were $2,300 under the previous year.

The Bethel observation post was opened with Elwood F. Ireland as chief observer.

Deaths: Ray W. Thurston, Ossian R. Stanley.

80 years ago: The roof of the temporary exhibition hall at the Bethel fair grounds was crushed by snow.

Made-to-measure suits with two pair of pants were advertised at $17.50 by Rowe's store.

Deaths: Louis W. Mercier, Mrs. Jennie Herrick, Fred W. Brown.

90 years ago: J. S. Hutchins and Miss Dorothy Hutchins were in charge of the Bethel A & P Store.

Death: John N. Swan.

100 years ago: Judge Addison E. Herrick was appointed by the Governor as delegate to the Fourth American Peace Congress to be held in May at St. Louis.

Death: Prof. Henry L. Chapman.

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ton, who has lived there for four years, claims that taxes from all those properties account for 23 percent of the town's municipal budget.

The cost this year for plowing is about $3,000, $225 per property owner, according to an e-mail provided by Eaton.

But he said for that price, the private contractor does not come by as frequently as a town plow likely would. He said the plowing issue is a matter of safety, to have continuous ambulance and fire truck access.

The property owners, however, do get a benefit for not getting plowed by the town, according to town officials. They get a 15 percent adjustment on the assessment on their land (a claim that Eaton disputes, saying the town can't produce records to show what the difference in assessment would be).

Selectman Richard Stratton said he has been told some road property owners, particularly those who only use their property in the summer, have no interest in having the town plow and, in turn, readjust their assessment. He said he is confident from speaking with the town's assessing agent that the assessment adjustment is correct.

The town estimates the cost to take over plowing at $13,000 a year, a figure that also includes the annual installation of a snow fence in an open area and a contingency amount in case a front-end loader is needed.

Eaton still plans to press his case.

He had based his recent argument to the commissioners on procedural issues. Eaton said that proper public notice was not given for a public hearing that preceded the 2003 town meeting, and that therefore the closure decision was not valid. Eleven road residents signed his petition appeal to the commissioners.

The commissioners did not buy the case.

When the selectmen take up consideration of another extension on the closure, Eaton will this time argue substance and fairness, he said.

"That's where [the argument] belongs," said Stratton, who represented the town at last week's commissioners' meeting.

He also acknowledged that there had been some confusion on procedural rules as the town dealt with the issue.

Eaton says he will cite a section of state law addressing road maintenance closure. The law provides that selectmen may close a road to maintenance based on population, use and travel.

Eaton will turn that around and claim all of those have increased, justifying reopening it.

Stratton, saying that he believes more camps have been winterized over the years and there may now be more usage, speculated, "I predict it will be a different conversation in 2013 than it was in 2003."

But, he said, he was not predicting the outcome.

"We are a small town with limited resources," said Stratton. "Our job as selectpersons is to figure out what services the town needs and wants, and then is willing to raise taxes to pay for those services."

Road improvements?

In addition to the plowing issue, Eaton also said the town does not maintain the road well overall. He said his truck was flooded last spring when he drove into an area where a broken culvert spilled water across the road.

He also cites a 2003 newspaper account describing an appeal then to the county by South Shore Road residents about winter maintenance. The account said commissioners sided with the town on the understanding that Hanover would upgrade the road to pavement.

Stratton, who was not involved then, said he was told by other town officials that the understanding was that selectmen would consider an upgrade, but they later found significant opposition in town to the potential cost.

Bringing the road up to a higher standard had been proposed at the 2002 annual town meeting, at a cost then of $50,000. The record showed that residents voted to pass over the article.

Stratton acknowledged that even if the town started plowing South Shore Road today, the winter maintenance would be for a road that is "limited."

"It is not an improved road," he said.

Jeff Eaton on the South Shore Road in Hanover, near his home. Inset: As the story writer demonstrated here, snow-filled ditches along the narrow road can catch careless drivers. *(Photos: A. Aloisio)*

March Town Meetings

Town	Date	Time	Location
Newry	Mon. 3/4	7 p.m.	Grange
Andover	Sat. 3/16	9 a.m.	Town Hall
Woodstock	Mon. 3/25	7 p.m.	W.E.S.
Gilead	Mon. 3/30	7 p.m.	Town Hall

Briefly

Board expels one student, suspends another

BETHEL- The SAD 44 School Board Monday expelled one Telstar High School student indefinitely and extended a suspension imposed by Principal Dan Hart on another student, according to Supt. Dave Murphy. The actions were in connection with an unauthorized entry and theft incident at the Crescent Park Elementary School in January, Murphy said. The expelled student may work on a school re-entry plan and then return to the board to seek re-admission. In other business, directors met in executive session to start contract negotiations with the Telstar Educators Association. Murphy also told the board that preliminary figures from the state indicate a budget funding gap for next school year of about $205,000 (including state aid, a reduction in debt service and a proposal by the governor to shift some teacher retirement costs to local districts).

Appeals board sends tower back to planners

BETHEL-The Bethel Appeals Board voted Feb. 14 to remand to the Planning Board the issue of a permit extension for a 160-foot cell tower project in West Bethel by Global Tower Partners, LLC. In December planners approved an extension of a permit originally issued in 2006 and extended in 2009. Andrew and Sarah Glasfeld, who live near the proposed site, objected to an extension because since 2009 the landowner, John Evans, clearcut the trees on nine acres near the site. The Glasfelds, concerned that construction of the tower could hurt the value of their property, argued that the tree cutting was a significant change to the site and the project should be required to go through a new application process with a full site plan review again before the board. Planners voted that the change was significant, but they added several new conditions for the project, including underground utilities and a prohibition on tree cutting within the 8.8 acres surrounding the site, and then approved the extension for one year. The Glasfelds appealed the decision. The Appeals Board, comprised of Dennis Doyon, Al Cressy, Wende Gray, Lennie Shaw and Scott Gould, heard testimony from the Glasfelds and their attorney, Kirk Siegel, as well as from Blaine Hopkins of Global. After a nearly three-hour meeting, they voted to remand the issue to planners to clarify their findings regarding the need for a new application and the basis on which the decision was made to extend the permit.

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Andover

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exclusively to the district for at least 10 years after withdrawal, or for any period of time, is "unacceptable."

The committee wants Andover students and their parents to be free to choose where students are tuitioned once they leave fifth grade at the Andover Elementary School.

The issue, said Percival, is the primary sticking point in the negotiations.

Another option for the older students would be Mountain Valley in RSU 10. Percival said RSU 10 has assured the town it will accept tuition students.

He said Andover might be able to negotiate a transportation agreement providing for a bus from Andover to transport students to the Rumford town line, where they could then be transferred to busses from SAD 44 and RSU 10 for the remainder of the trip to school.

Sid Pew, former SAD 44 school director and board chairman, asked about the status of the preparation of a budget for the potential new Andover school unit.

"I just want to make sure we have some numbers before we vote," he said.

"We are working on a preliminary budget," said Tim Akers, a committee member who is also a SAD 44 director.

Brian Mills said he had favored preparing a withdrawal plan, but whether he ultimately votes for it depends on the costs.

"The numbers are going to be a huge factor," he said.

Mills also urged selectmen to prepare a figure for townspeople to vote on at town meeting next month that would pay to keep AES open another year, should the town vote down withdrawal.

For the past two years, Andover has approved funds over and above its regular share of the SAD 44 budget to keep the school open, when the School Board would otherwise have closed it. Last year they approvd $68,000 for that purpose.

Dick Merrill looked around the meeting room and wondered why more parents of school-age children weren't present to support the effort. One parent at the meeting said there were a total of four.

"There should be a lot more," said Merrill.

He said he wanted to see AES kept open under a new school unit if it could be done with a minimal increase in taxes, but he expressed concern that fixed-income residents would not be able to afford a significant tax hike.

A large increase, he said, would make the vote on the issue difficult for him, but the numbers would ultimately guide his decision.

And regarding the current format for appropriating extra funds to keep the school open, said Merrill, "I can't see leaving it open to negotiations every year. If it has to close, it has to close."

Percival said the committee agreed with Merrill that the withdrawal decision will come down to numbers.

Several people expressed frustration with the pace at which negotiations are proceeding and blamed SAD 44.

Percival said the School Board took more than a month to respond to Andover's first draft of a withdrawal agreement.

"It could have been done more expeditiously," he said.

Merrow said a big fear of the committee is that the School Board might procrastinate on the process and then vote to close the school while the two parties are in the middle of negotiating the agreement.

She suggested Andover residents contact school directors from other towns and tell them it is in the best interest of SAD 44 to move the process along, so the district can prepare its own budget.

"I'm concerned that the School Board doesn't know how serious this is. I don't know if they're getting information. They don't seem to be in a hurry," she said.

District directors last month authorized Supt. Dave Murphy and SAD 44 legal consultant Bill Stockmeyer to negotiate for them, but also named a subcommittee of directors to monitor and guide the two on negotiations.

Tuesday's informational meeting concluded after an hour and a half. Merrill praised the committee's efforts, to applause.

Andover withdrawal at a glance

Andover and SAD 44 are formally negotiating a withdrawal agreement for the town to potentially leave the district, an agreement that would have to be approved by the state commissioner of education and voted upon by town residents in the spring. If approved by a 2/3 majority vote, the withdrawal would take effect June 30 of this year.

In addition to providing for the education of students, the withdrawal plan must address the town's share of responsibility for the district's outstanding debt. Andover has been a member of SAD 44 since the district's formation in 1965.

The proposal calls for the town to form its own new School Administrative Unit, and to continue to provide education for its K-5 students at the Andover Elementary School, which would be conveyed to the town by SAD 44.

During the first year after withdrawal Andover students could continue attending the SAD 44 schools they would have attended if Andover had not withdrawn.

On other key points Andover and SAD 44 have differed, including:

SAD 44 has claimed the withdrawal process would need to be completed by April 1 in order to allow time to put together an FY'14 budget without Andover as a member. The district proposes waiting another year for the withdrawal to take place. Andover has a deadline of April 20 to submit a withdrawal plan to the state.

SAD 44 says the plan should provide for a 10-year exclusive tuition arrangement with SAD 44 for Andover's Grade 6-12 students, rather than allowing students to elect to enroll, as proposed by Andover. SAD 44 says it will lose a significant source of funding otherwise.

The district says SAD 44 should not agree to pay special education costs for Andover students enrolled in SAD 44, as proposed by the town.

SAD 44 says Andover should pay a share of school building debt that was incurred during its district membership, rather than be released from any obligation as initially requested.

Hub

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use ourselves and personally endorse," Janet said.

The Hub is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The kitchen is still under construction, but Nick and Janet are looking forward to opening it soon and expanding their menu.

Brick oven pizza is currently available on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

LOCAL HUB owners Nick and Janet Bartlett in their Locke's Mills store. The wagon was made by Stone's Wood Creations of Bethel, and the baskets by Whirligig Farms of Peru. *(Photo: Tatum Brown)*

Dam

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base bids. The materials include concrete, rocks and clay.

Those amounts varied widely as well, ranging from $200 a cubic foot for concrete to $800; from $43 a cubic foot for rock to $102; and from $34 a cubic foot for clay to $110.

Korhonen was the lowest bid in all three of those categories.

Sysko, who attended the bid opening, said he would collaborate with selectmen in checking references on the companies and researching their work in neighboring towns.

The board expects to choose a bidder at its next meeting, on March 5.

Voters must approve a figure at the March 25 town meeting.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said Wednesday that before the bides were received, selectmen had tentatively proposed a warrant article adding another $55,000 to the fund, but he now hopes that figure may be significantly reduced or even eliminated.

The work window for the project will be Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, when water levels in the lake are expected to be at their lowest.

Pipeline forum rescheduled

A public forum with Portland-Montreal Pipe Line officials, scheduled for Wednesday (yesterday) at Telstar High School on the "tar sands" issue, was postponed due to the snowstorm. The forum is now scheduled for March 21 from 7-9 p.m in the auditorium.

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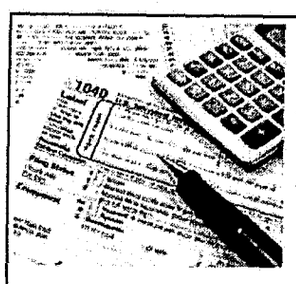

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No maintenance for Tyler Road

Tony Reaves, Sun Media Wire

Oxford County commissioners said last week that they have no plans to maintain Tyler Road, which was taken by eminent domain in 2011 after a prolonged dispute over its ownership.

The county had approved road improvements because the U.S. Forest Service had purchased land farther down the road for timber sales. Logging trucks would be unable to get down the road, which was too narrow in places and partially washed out.

With road improvements by the U.S. Forest Service completed, County Administrator Scott Cole questioned the commission on its future upkeep plans Tuesday. He said that while the road is closed in the winter, he expected there would be occasional ditching and grading on the road to stop it from eroding again.

Chairman David Duguay said he didn't think there was a need, and that it had taken the road a very long time to degrade to its condition before the U.S. Forest Service made repairs. "If history repeats itself, it will be another 30 years before we have to put anything into it," he said.

Commissioner Caldwell Jackson agreed. "I don't feel like we should put any maintenance in there," he said. He said he was concerned that if the county maintained it in the summer months, residents of the road might start asking for winter maintenance, which is expensive. Duguay said that besides that, the whole case started because residents on the road were opposed to improvements.

"I think there's an understanding that if there's a problem on the road, that we're going to take care of it," Cole said. He asked the commission why they had even bothered taking the road by eminent domain if they weren't going to maintain it. He said he thought maintenance was implicit in the eminent domain action.

Jackson said the only intent was to let the Forest Service repair the road for timber harvesting. All three commissioners agreed that the county had responsibility to repair major road damage that made it impassable, but that it shouldn't be filling potholes.

"With all due respect, it doesn't make any sense," Cole said. He said regular maintenance could stave off bigger, more expensive problems on the road.

The taking was the end of a long dispute with two landowners, who said the county had long ago abandoned Tyler Road, and that improvements on the portion running through their property was an infringement of their property rights. They maintained that the county hadn't maintained the road in 30 years and that it had become private property. They allowed others to use it as a right of way, but opposed improvements to the road.

The county paid landowners Celina Adams and Cameron Wake about $5,000 for the 1.5-mile section running through their property, as well as $5,000 to drop the lawsuit, and other landowners were paid a total of $15,000. Including legal and survey costs, the county paid about $57,000 to take over the road. In the settlement agreement, the county agreed to limit the width of the road to 14 feet, plus two turnouts.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 19

At 7 p.m. Deputies Sullivan Rizzo and Mike Halacy responded to the Walkers Mills Road for an accident in which the driver lost control on the slippery road. There were no injuries. Bethel Fire assisted with traffic control.

Thursday, Feb. 21

At 5:24 p.m. a caller on Mason Street reported a friendly pit bull dog without a collar or tags. The animal control officer responded.

Friday, Feb. 22

At 9:06 a.m. at Davis Park Deputy Dani Welch arrested Jason M. Curtis, 22, for VCR and operating after revocation, habitual offender status.

Saturday, Feb. 23

At 5:42 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to the Flat Road for a report of two ATVs driving up and down the road. There was no contact.

At 8 p.m. a report was received of the theft of a tonneau cover from a truck on Intervale Road. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo was assigned.

At 8:15 p.m. Deputies Sullivan Rizzo and Cpl. George Cayer responded to Davis Park for a report of two snowmobilers arguing. The officers were unable to locate anyone.

Sunday, Feb. 24

At 9:25 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Railroad Street for a report of a gas theft.

At 10:58 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the West Bethel Road for a single vehicle accident. The driver lost control in slush and struck a bridge guardrail. There were no injuries among the four occupants.

At 2:58 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to the Mayville Road for a report of a gas driveoff. The vehicle was later located by the Paris PD, but it was found later to be a clerk error.

Monday, Feb. 25

At 11:49 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson took a report of a wallet lost on Summer Street a week earlier.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

It started snowing on Saturday afternoon and continued through Sunday night, leaving somewhere between eight and ten inches of thick, wet snow on the Bethel area. Snowmobilers were happy. I heard them throughout the night. Monday morning dawned with bright blue skies. Perfect weather for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. I hope everyone can spend some time outdoors playing in the snow.

The annual World Day of Prayer Service will be hosted by the women of the West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street in Bethel, on Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m. This year's ecumenical service was prepared by the women of France. Women from each local church in the Bethel area will participate in Friday's service. Women from the area are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service.

On Tuesday, March 5, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Toshio Hashimoto will speak at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium about his Pilgrimage to the 88 Sacred Places of Shikoku. This Pilgrimage is a journey to 88 temples on the island of Shikoku, Japan, a walk of 670 miles to honor the Buddhist saint who founded the Shignon Buddhist religion. Mr. Hashimoto will share photos and speak of his experiences along this pilgrimage, which he completed in March 2011. Mr. Hashimoto lives in Rumford and is the owner of Toshimobile, a grower of shiitake mushrooms, and a Taiko drummer. The program is presented by Down Home Maine and sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. The program is free and open to everyone.

Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel) was born on March 2, 1904. This week libraries across the country are celebrating his birthday with parties and story hours. Dr. Seuss said, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child." You don't have to be a kid to celebrate. Spend some time celebrating this week with a book, or a Kindle, or a Nook. Even a magazine will do. Dr. Seuss is leaving that to you.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Snow, snow and more snow! It seems like every few days, there is a snowstorm. March is a long month, so there will be plenty more to deal with throughout the month, I suppose.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been busy with the rest of the crew at the MSAD 44 maintenance garage during the school vacation. They have been checking over the school buses and getting them ready for the return of students.

Robert Cross, the local CMP lineman, was in the area this past week. He had to replace some electric meters at a few houses. He checked with us before he turned the power off long enough to complete his task. He wanted to be sure that such things as a computer would not be affected. Nice to see him again and hear that he is a loyal reader of the column!

Hugh and I talked to our son, Chris, recently and at the end of this week, he should have gotten Kym moved from St. Cloud, MN. They will be settling into their new place in Omaha, Neb. This makes me think about children who live a great distance from Gilead, Maine. Chris lives away, but we are lucky enough to have our other son, Tim, and his family still nearby in Gorham, N.H. My brother and wife, Steve and Lise McLain, have their son and wife, Brad and Carole, nearby, but son, Joey, is way out in Montana. Even further away is their son, Stephen and his family, in the country of Norway. Thinking about this makes me want to say to all of them that they are missed and thought of very often and well wishes to them and their families.

After being ill for a couple of weeks, I am now feeling a little better and ready to go back to work. While I have been home, I have not been idle. The Annual Town Report is coming along quite nicely and will hopefully be done in a timely manner. Judy Perrille is helping with gathering information to be used in the report and learning what a process it is to put it together.

Gilead Historical Society

Mary Tyler stopped by the house last Saturday to do some paper work for the Gilead Historical Society, since she is currently the president. We checked in with Bob and Judy Bishop in Yarmouth this past weekend with some thoughts on upcoming events.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

Another week has come and gone, bringing us one more week closer to spring!! The latest snowstorm has many of us in the neighborhood complaining about the plowing or lack of on our roads. Maybe we need to get a petition going? Like they say, only the squeaky

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Feb. 22, 9:59 a.m.: Jason M. Curtis, 22, of Greenwood, habitual offender; by Deputy Dani Welch in Bethel.

Feb. 23, 7:01 p.m.: Thomas E. Golden, 64, of Hingham, Mass., aggravated criminal mischief, OUI, driving to endanger; by Trooper Jason Wing in Newry.

Feb. 25, 9:03 p.m.: Laura Anne Gleason, 22, of Greenwood, operating after suspension; by Deputy Willie Nelson in Bethel.

Feb. 26, 12:15 a.m.: Edward J. Connolly III of Albany, DV assault; by Deputy Sullivan Rizzo in Albany.

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Mark your calendars: On March (there will be a Benefit Dinner/Supper for Wayne Hakala,who is fighting cancer, at the American Legion Hall in Greenwood. I will update next week with more details.

Please do call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. I always enjoy hearing from readers.

This week it is time for a new Trivia question: Who, from East Bethel, was elected selectman in the years 1884 through 1886 and where did he live?

Have a great week.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is Prayer meeting. On Saturday, Feb. 16 a delicious Valentine Dinner was served to the adults at the Fellowship hall. The Sunday School children served the meal, which was cooked by the Pastor's wife, Paula Jones. The hall was decorated with lights ad candles and Valentine decorations by Mary Beth Hoover. It was all very fancy. Pastor Jones read and talked about verses in the Bible about what love is. It was a very nice evening, enjoyed by all attending. Much thanks to all the ones who put much time in doing it. On Sunday the Church celebrated Heritage Sunday, Feb. 17. Several dressed in old-time clothes and the Pastor gave a history of our Heritage to all attending.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Saturday, March 2, at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting at 10 a.m. followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at Ledgeview Memorial Living Center, West Paris on Thursday, March 7, for a meeting with dinner by Ledgeview and Program on Stretching Exercises by Leslie Baumgartel. New members always welcome.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, March 9, at the Town Conference Room at 6 p.m. Larry Bonney will have the program talking on Early Settlements in Woodstock. Light refreshments following. New members always welcome.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, March 11, at the home of Alice Hoyt at 7 p.m.

Andover

By JANE RICH

For the third weekend in a row, we have been snowed upon which has forced many of us to hunker down in our dwellings, but that hasn't stopped the snowmobilers. The town was full of them over the weekend because the trails were in top condition and there was plenty of fresh snow.

The Andover Food Pantry will now be open every Tuesday morning from 9-10 a.m. There will be a Food Sale featuring baked goods and take-out foods such as baked beans, meatballs and coleslaw on March 23 beginning at 9 a.m. in the CEB. The beauty of this fundraiser is that whatever the pantry raises will be matched by a grant.

Calling all gardeners to a special presentation by Rev. Virginia Rickeman entitled "The Spirituality of Gardening" on Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m. in the CEB dining room. As we start our seeds and watch our snow-covered gardens for the least sign of thaw or the side of the house where the first daffodils pop up their heads, this will be a welcome evening of looking forward to the growing season.

March will be a busy month here with Town Meeting occurring on March 16 and accompanied by a luncheon put on by the Andover Service Circle. Voting for officers will occur on Tuesday, March 19. While you're in town to vote, why not patronize the free public lunch put on by the People In Action group at the CEB. The menu is quiche, tossed salad, rolls, brownies and ice cream for dessert. Easter is early, March 31, so get out your bonnets with all the frills upon them, but keep your snow boots handy.

I have promised more news on Town Meeting and am sorry to say I haven't delivered as yet. This is on my list of "have to do" for next week.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, I had the privilege of opening with prayer the session of the State House of Representatives in Augusta.

On Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m., there will be a dinner and movie at the First Congregational Church. The public is invited and donations will be accepted.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

It is pot-hole and frost-heave season. That means it is time to forgo the Greenwood Road and use Route 26 to get to the Norway area. It is the stretch of this road that runs from the corner of Howe Hill Road to the end of South Pond that is in the worse condition.

As readers will recall, I have been on a bit of a bandwagon to get these miles improved. OK, I live along that road and have a vested interest. The other point is that it is a highly traveled road. Lots of people live on or along it. Lots of people travel to the Norway area on this road. A lot of use and very bad condition.

Our town road crew does the best it can, but the road requires major work.

This is a town government issue. We need to budget funds to make these improvements. The next road budgeted and scheduled for repair is Richardson Hollow. When I asked Town Manager Kim Sparks when the Greenwood Road repair would come up for vote, she said it would probably not be in the next two-year plan. Maybe she and our selectmen will discuss this and move this project to sooner than that. Such a heavily traveled road needs to be in safer condition.

The Greenwood Selectmen received a request for funding for Mollyockett Day from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and have decided to think more about this before taking any action.

On Tuesday, March 5, Toshio Hashimoto will speak about his pilgrimage to the 88 Sacred Places of Shikoku. This pilgrimage is a journey to 88 temples on the island of Shikoku, Japan, a walk of 670 miles, to honor the Buddhist saint who founded the Shignon Buddhist religion. Mr. Hashimoto will share photos and speak of his experiences on this amazing pilgrimage which he completed in March 2011.

Many people know Toshio as the owner of Toshimobile, grower of Shiitake mushrooms, and a Taiko drummer. This program is presented by Down Home Maine and sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. It is open to all, free of charge.

The Greenwood Fire Department is having the Rockin' Roadrunners play on March 16, 8-midnight, at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. This will benefit the Greenwood Fire Department, Greenwood Fire Auxiliary and the Legion Auxiliary.

The advance tickets are $7 for single or $13 for a couple. Tickets at the door will be $8 single or $15 couple. There will be refreshments for sale. BYOB, no one under 21 admitted.

Marcia Smith returned to her home in Easton, Thursday, after spending almost three weeks helping out her brother, Ralph Mills, and her mother, Lorraine Larson, at their home here

Lorene Mills was in East Andover looking after her mother, Laura Hutchins, who had her pacemaker replaced and following that had to fight off a bout of pneumonia. Lorene returned home on Friday and her mother, thankfully, is continuing to improve.

The first of our native birds have laid their eggs. Hard to imagine, but the great horned owls, which may mate for life, began nesting back in January oftentimes using the nest of another large bird or the hollow of a tree. The eggs are laid a day or so apart and hatch about a month later in the sequence in which they were laid That means the first hatched generally has the advantage of being larger and stronger than its siblings. Owlets spend several weeks in the nest and then begin to walk around before learning to fly. They are reputed to trample the nest so badly that it cannot be used again. Young owls look like fluffy fire hydrants with open mouths. Incredibly cute and voracious eaters. Occasionally we are lucky enough to see great horneds. Keep your eyes open the next month or so and maybe you'll catch a glimpse of a particularly fat great horned. That will be a youngster trying out its wings.

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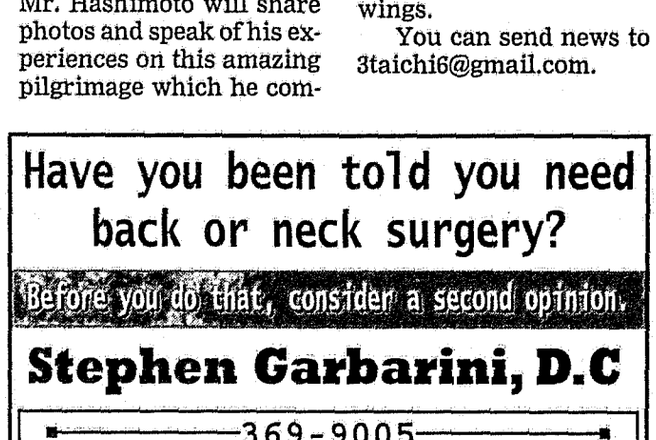

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Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

We are sorry that we didn't get Hanover news into the paper last week. We will try again to do better.

The county commissioners discussed the citizens' petition for winter maintenance of South Shore Road for the second time at their Feb. 19 meeting. After reviewing Hanover records as to the procedure for closing the road for winter maintenance in 2003, the commissioners decided Hanover procedures were valid and correctly executed. If Hanover wants to continue the policy of winter road maintenance closing the process will need to be redone this year.

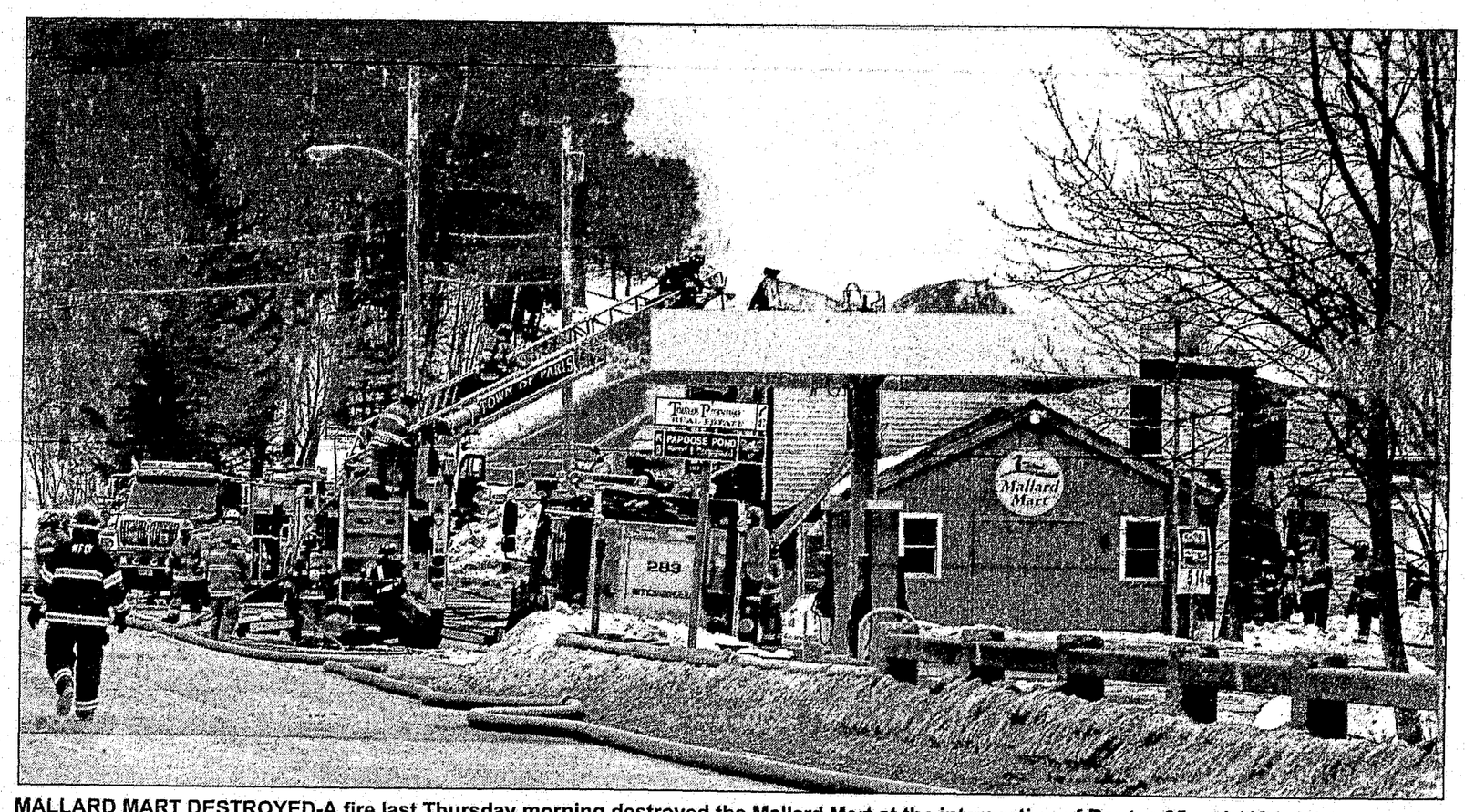
The Hanover select persons' meeting was Feb. 19. Several topics were discussed. During his report on solid waste and recycling Bob Fortin surprised the select board by resigning as a member of Tri-Town Solid Waste and Recycling Board (Bethel, Newry and Hanover) and the Oxford County Solid Waste and Recycling Board. Chairperson Brenda Gross thanked Bob for his many years of service on the two boards. The annual assessors' meeting will be Saturday, March 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. That is the time for property owners to comment on valuations on their property. The Board discussed spring heavy load postings on town roads. They decided to watch weather conditions and post the roads when needed.

February has proven to be a stormy month. Every two or three days some snow piled down on us. Last week everyone was tired of the cloudy, gloomy weather and what happened? A two-day snowstorm that was one of the biggest so far this winter.

We extend sympathy to Richard and Sally Arsenault and family upon the passing of Richard's mother Eugenie M. Arsenault of Rumford. She was 98.

Freeman Farrington from East Andover and Clem Worcester from Hanover went to Gouldsboro Sunday for a Knights of Pythias meeting. They also met at the Ramada Inn at Bangor to discuss this year's convention that will be April 18, 19 and 20.

Brian Worcester and Sara Worcester are pleased to note that their daughters, Makala and Shawnee, are now five years of age due to recent birthdays. They attend Dirigo Elementary School.



MALLARD MART DESTROYED-A fire last Thursday morning destroyed the Mallard Mart at the intersection of Routes 35 and 118 in Waterford. The store was open when the fire broke out. Smoke was found coming out of a back room, according to Waterford fire officials. A customer tried to put it out with a fire extinguisher. A resident in an upstairs apartment was at work at the time and lost all his belongings. Traffic in the area was rerouted for about three hours as firefighters from Waterford, Stoneham, Harrison, Norway, Paris and Oxford fought the blaze. A state fire marshal was investigating.

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Albany

By CATHY BENNETT

Hello from snowy Albany. I will try one more time to get my news in the paper. I am using my desktop instead of my iPad. Hope this gets through. Sorry the news hasn't gotten in the paper. I would like to emphasize one more time how important it is for you folks to contact me with news. I do not write anything unless I have permission from the people involved.

Margaret Barton broke her ankle a while ago and is recuperating at Clover Manor in Auburn.

We are all very sorry for the fire that destroyed the Mallard Mart in Waterford. The only place in town to buy gas.

This has been vacation week for the schools in the area. Hope everyone had a great time skiing, attending basketball games, etc. Marcus Bennett visited me on Wednesday. He was resting after two days of Nordic skiing for Oxford Hills. The other grandsons live in New Hampshire and their vacation is next week.

If all goes well I will talk to you next week. I have to go to bed early tonight as five o'clock comes early when you have been used to sleeping in all week!

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

A beautiful sunny Friday morning on this 22nd day of February. Thermometer reads 35 degrees and rising.

Condolences to the family of Alberta Angevine. Our thoughts and prayers and with each family member. A great lady and she will be missed by all who knew her.

John came to unclog the bathroom sink this morning. We put a whole bottle of drain liquid down and it still would not budge the clog. The plumber will be here first of the week, he is on vacation. At least the other drains are working so we will get by.

I have started my spring cleaning and will be getting my lawn sale items organized and ready to set up as soon as the weather permits.

We (the band) spent three days entertaining the residents at the nursing homes this week. We get such joy spending our time with the seniors and shut-ins.

Celebrating March birthdays are Myra Emery, Laurie Moore, Joan Cannuli, Danielle Wilson, Natasha Hodson, Meagan Hodson, Pat Plante, Country Jim Palmer, Jim Miclon, Harold Wilbur, Mark Thurlow, Jessie Hart, Alan B. Coffin, Janice Walker and Martha D. Railton. Birthday wishes to each of you.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Joan and Phelps Poland and Roger and Marie Wilday. Wishing you all a great day.

Yogi is off to town to get some blood work done this morning.

Del Parker and Ruthanne will be joining us this Saturday night for a baked bean supper with all the fixings. So I am off to get the beans rinsed and covered to soak overnight.

Well, time to get a load of clothes folded and put away. And get the feeders refilled for my birds.

That's all from the valley this week. Do enjoy these awsum spring- like days. Y'all have a great weekend.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

Another weekend, another snowstorm. I missed having to shovel or otherwise cleanup after this one because I managed to injure my back. I am currently bedridden but hope to be OK by the time you read this. This is definitely not the best way to type. I did get to watch the snow slide off the roof yesterday. The whole house shook.

Thursday, the 28th, there will probably not be an ACOA meeting due to snow. Please call 739-9115 to check.

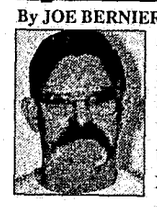
Monday, March 4, Socrates Café will meet at the Waterford Library from 6:30-8:30. The topic will be "What is healthy eating?" Ursula Duve will moderate. FMI please call 583-6957. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, March 2, a roast turkey supper will be served at the Methodist Church on Church and Main streets in South Paris from 5-6:30 p.m. Cost is $8 adults and $3:50 12 and under. Dessert will be pie and ice cream.

This will have to be all for the week. Have a great week.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The State Line Snowmobile Club will have their annual ride-in, cookout at the "Sugar Shack" March 9.

The Letter B Notch Riders are scheduled to have their first meeting of 2013 Sunday, March 10, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, March 1. They will have a workshop at 6 p.m. and will review building applications at 7 p.m.

Upton did not receive much snow from the "no show blizzard of 2013," but since Feb. 19 at least 18 inches of snow has fallen. Keep on Dancing!!

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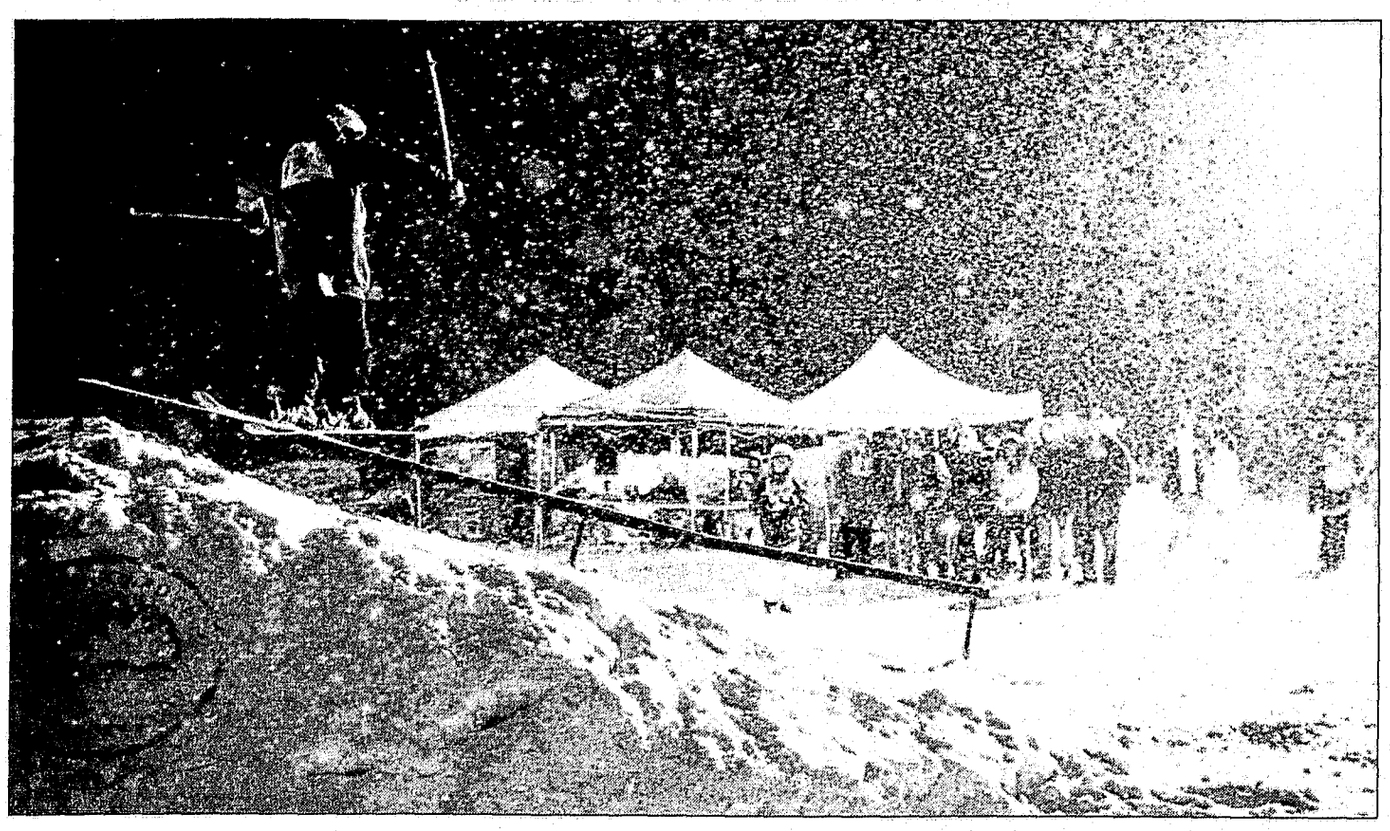

Above: Jock Tegan; right, Zac Anderson. *(Photos: Craig Derek Angevine/YeahBudPhotography.com)*

THS WINTER CARNIVAL DISPLAY WINNERS-Telstar High School recently held its Winter Carnival activities and competitions. The theme was "Harry Potter." The Freshman Class won the hallway display competition. Pictured are, from left: Thomas Wright, Christian Brown, John Walker and Cameron Rothwell. *(Photo: T. Brown)*

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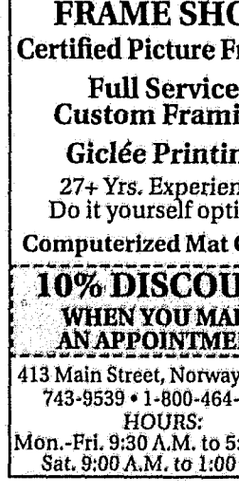

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BHS 2013 program schedule

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On April 13, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., the Annual History Symposium will be held in the exhibit hall of the Mason House. In conjunction with the Society's exhibit, "In the Field & On the Homefront: Bethel During the Civil War," opening May 28, this year's Symposium will explore how the Civil War is taught in secondary schools, with an emphasis on methods and resources utilized. Keynote speaker will be Thomas A. Desjardin, Historian for the Maine Division of Parks and Public Lands and author of *Stand Firm, Ye Boys from Maine: The 20th Maine* and the *Gettysburg Campaign and These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory* - among other books. Commentary will be provided by several area history teachers and questions encouraged from those in the audience.

On May 25, the Faye Taylor Art Show and St. Nevers Day Sale will take place. The Art Show, which will be open at the Mason House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature the work of students in Grades 1-6 in S.A.D. 44. (The Art Show theme will be announced in April.) The Society's annual fundraising sale of "treasures" donated by members and friends, the St. Nevers Day sale will once again be held on the Hastings Homestead lawn (corner of Mason and Broad streets) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On May 28, a new exhibit entitled "In the Field & On the Homefront: Bethel During the Civil War" will open at the Robinson House. Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, this exhibit is the Bethel Historical Society's contribution to the Maine Civil War Trail project. Using rarely seen artifacts and images from the Society's permanent collection, the display will explore the effects - profound and poignant - of the Civil War on the western Maine town of Bethel, once known as "the Athens of Oxford County." Although the War years resulted in the loss of many of Bethel's loyal sons, they also witnessed the town's development as an important inland Maine center of commerce, industry and tourism. (Robinson House hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., July and August). The exhibit will run through Dec. 27.

The annual Hall Memorial Lecture will take place on June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mason House.

Eben Miller, History / Honors Program Coordinator at Southern Maine Community College, will present a talk entitled "Nelson Dingley, Jr.'s Daily Evening Journal: A View of the Northern Civil War Home Front, 1861-1863." Launched during the outbreak of the Civil War, in April 1861, the Lewiston Daily Evening Journal offers a unique view of the Northern home front. Published by a young Republican (future Maine governor Nelson Dingley, Jr.) the Journal demonstrates how Mainers responded to the crisis, from the swift mobilization of regimental units to widespread displays of patriotism. This lecture will draw from the Journal to explore the extent to which the experiences in Lewiston, and in Maine more generally, were emblematic of the Northern home front during the first years of the Civil War, paying special attention to soldiers' news from the war front, expressions of Unionism, economic and cultural developments, and the evolution of emancipation as a wartime policy.

From July 2 to Aug. 31, regular guided tours of the nine period rooms in the historic Dr. Moses Mason House will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. A small fee for non-members is charged. To commemorate the bicentenary of the structure, a brief program entitled "200 Years a Landmark: Celebrating the Dr. Moses Mason House" will occur at 1:30 p.m. on July 2. Begun in 1813, the house was renovated and restored by the William Bingham II Trust for Charity in 1972-73. A highlight of this event will be the unveiling of a professionally designed scale model of the Dr. Moses Mason House, Bethel Hill's oldest residence, created by BHS member James Auman of Warren, New Jersey, and Norway, Maine.

The ever-popular Fourth of July Community Picnic will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the side lawn of the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street). After the presentation of colors and the National Anthem, visitors can enjoy a free two-hour concert by the Portland Brass Quintet. Dr. Mason began this Fourth of July tradition in the 1850s and the Bethel Historical Society carries it on today. In case of rain, the picnic and concert will be held in the Middle Intervale Meetinghouse (1816) on Intervale Road, approximately four miles downriver from Bethel Hill village.

On Saturday, July 6, in conjunction with the Bethel Art Fair, a special exhibit entitled "Pictures Serene and Sublime: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured" will be open from 10 to 4 p.m. at the Mason House. During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, numerous artists captured the awe-inspiring summits and verdant glens in the White Mountain region of northern New Hampshire and western Maine. Including more than a dozen of these early landscapes, this exhibit highlights the work of Erik Koeppel and Lauren Sansaricq, nationally-recognized plein air artists who maintain studios in Jackson, N.H., and who have developed a love for the expressive potentials of traditional representation. This eight-week show will feature a variety of White Mountain landscapes by these two highly acclaimed artists - most of which will be for sale! (All purchases benefit the Society.) The exhibit will run only through Aug. 31.

On Sept. 12, the Society's Annual Meeting will take place at the Mason House. A 6:30 p.m. pot-luck supper will precede the meeting at 7:30 p.m., during which officers and trustees for 2013-2014 will be elected and the BHS Historic Preservation Award presented. Following this, Stanley R. Howe, BHS Executive Director Emeritus, will talk about his ongoing work on the biography of William Bingham 2nd - a project sponsored by the Society and supported by grants from The Betterment Fund, The William Bingham Foundation and The Bingham Trust.

A few days later, on Saturday, Sept. 14, David B. Field, retired University of Maine professor of Forest Resources, will present a program about the Appalachian Trail in Maine - as it is today and how it came to be. Author of "Along Maine's Appalachian Trail," he has maintained six miles of the Appalachian Trail for 54 years. He also has served as an officer of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club and on the board of managers of the Appalachian Trail Conference. Following his talk, Field will be available to sign copies of his book. The free program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

On Oct. 12, at 1 p.m., the annual "Stanley Russell Howe Lecture" will feature Dona Brown, Professor of History at University of Vermont, who will present a program on the emergence and impact of "auto tourism" during the early decades of the twentieth century. Brown came to UVM in 1994 after having earned her Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her first book, "Inventing New England: Regional Tourism in the Nineteenth Century" (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1995), explored the significance of the tourist trade in creating an enduring image of New England. She has also published a number of articles on the history of tourism and regionalism, and is the editor of a collection of nineteenth century tourist stories ("A Tourist's New England: Travel Fiction, 1820-1920"). She teaches courses in United States cultural history, New England history, and Vermont history. Director of the Center for Research on Vermont from 2003 to 2006, she has recently completed a book about American back-to-the-land movements in the twentieth century: "Back to the Land: The Enduring Dream of Self-Sufficiency in Modern America" (University of Wisconsin Press, 2011). Most recently, she authored "The Landscape of Self-Sufficiency: New England Farms and the Back-to-the-Land Movement of the 1930s" in "New England: A Landscape History" (MIT Press, 2011).

Finally, on Dec. 7, the Society's "Christmas at the Mason House" event will be held from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Once again, visitors will be able to enjoy music and refreshments in the 1813 Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional mid-nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles!

For more information on the programs (most of which are free), please call (207) 824-2908 or email info@bethelhistorical.org.

SNOWMOBILE RIDE-IN BENEFIT IN NEWRY-A snowmobile ride-in fundraiser will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Newry Grange Hall to benefit Aimee Driscoll of Auburn, who suffers from cystic fibrosis and needs a double lung transplant. The event is sponsored by the Greenstock Snowmobile Club. The event will include food and items to raffle. Driscoll's mother, Carole Waite, is a resident of Milton Township and her husband, Bill, is a groomer with the snowmobile club. Aimee, 28, has suffered from the progressive disease since she was 16 months old. In recent years she has been in and out of the hospital more frequently as doctors try to clear her lungs of mucus. She is on a waiting list for a lung transplant, but the transplant program requires the family to do significant fundraising to help with the expected $300,000 in costs associated with the procedure, including travel and lodging for the family and care afterward. An organization called the Second Chances Foundation has been set up for that purpose, and may be found on Facebook. Donations may be made to the foundation at the Oxford Federal Credit Union, 225 River Road, Mexico ME 04257. Aimee is married and the mother of an autistic son, Liam, age 4. The little boy, said Carole, "gives her the motivation to fight." She is pictured above with Liam and her husband, Peter.
(Photo: Renee Jones, Little Blessings Photography)

Sunday River hosts Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and families

More than 100 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans and their families spent Sunday, Feb. 24, on the slopes at Sunday River Resort. The event was hosted by the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program. Military families from the state of Maine and throughout New England had the opportunity to ski or snowboard free of charge, get together with other military families, and learn more about the Home Base Program, which serves veterans and families affected by combat stress and traumatic brain injury through clinical care, community education, and research.

"Military families are resilient, but the stress of multiple deployments can take a toll on any family," said Roger Knight, Director of Veteran Outreach at Home Base. "Activities like these provide a great opportunity for military families to do something fun together and reconnect. They also allow families to meet other military families and to learn about how the Home Base Program can support them through reintegration challenges."

About the Home Base Program: Founded in 2009, the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program provides clinical care and support services to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and families who are affected by combat stress or traumatic brain injury (TBI) - the "invisible wounds of war." Home Base also provides education for clinicians and community members and research to improve the understanding and treatment of Post Traumatic Stress and TBI. For more information visit www.homebaseprogram.org.

Greenwell attends Legion Auxiliary Washington conference

Jeri Brooks Greenwell of Mundt-Allen Unit 81, Bethel, was one of nearly 300 delegates, alternates and distinguished guests from across the country who attended the American Legion Auxiliary's annual Washington, DC, Conference Feb. 24-27 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The mid-year event provides an opportunity for the leadership of the organization to hear from Washington experts on issues relevant to the Auxiliary's mission and to meet with Congressional representatives on key legislative priorities.

Jeri participated in a variety of activities at the conference, including attending presentations from representatives of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Blue Star Families, Student Veterans Association, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, The American Legion's Legislative Division, and others.

Other activities Jeri attended included expert-led skill-building workshops as a way to extend Auxiliary mission outreach, as well as a ceremonial wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery.

Jeri also attended a joint legislative session with The American Legion on Feb. 26 and met with senators and representatives on Capitol Hill to discuss The American Legion Family's legislative priorities. The American Legion Family has been monitoring hot-button legislative issues including licensure and certification credentialing for veterans.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. With a membership of nearly 800,000, local American Legion Auxiliary units have a strong presence in more than 9,000 communities nationwide.

Following this conference, Jeri attended a Commissioning Ceremony in honor of her son-in-law, ITC(SW/AW) Jesse K. Conde at the Arleigh and Roberta Burke Theater located at the United States Navy Memorial.

Sports

Flying Moose Classic results, Feb. 23

MEN:

Place Overall	Time	NENSA#	Last Name	First Name	Age Group	Club	Hometown	State
1	1:07:07	6699	Tremble	Eric	M1	NWVE	Jericho	VT
2	1:07:53	yes	Burnham	Chris	SR	Colby College Nordic Ski T	Waterville	ME
3	1:07:56	31524	Darling	Eric	M2		Shelburne	VT
4	1:07:59	11254	Siegel	Kirk	M5	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
5	1:09:00	19951	Belk	Jonah	SR	Colby College Nordic Ski T	Lyme	NH
6	1:09:08	1694	Bradley	Joel	SR	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME
7	1:12:55	1609	Kavanaugh	Wade	M1	Bethel Outing Club	Albany Twp	ME
8	1:13:37	1062	Bradlee	Robert	M6	Cambridge Sports Union	Reading	MA
9	1:13:52	4855	Magnan	Scott	M2	NWVE	St. Albans	VT
10	1:14:08	yes	Harris	Mitch	J1	Portland Nordic	Dayton	ME
11	1:14:17		Deluca	Marcello	J1	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
12	1:14:57	7362	Page	Dennis	SR	Windblown	Bennington	NH
13	1:15:37	8404	Bolduc	Damian	M2	NWVE	South Burlington	VT
14	1:16:42	25191	Blair	Ian	M5	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
15	1:17:34		Clarke	Caleb	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
16	1:18:22		Clarke	Alden	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
17	1:18:42	1370	Newbury	Ronald	M7	Mount Washington Nord	Freedom	NH
18	1:19:09		Siegel	Andrew	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
19	1:20:18		Cushman	Ashton	OJ	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
20	1:22:04	3410	Scannell	Gordon	M7	Maine Nordic Ski Club	Pownal	ME
21	1:22:09	10940	Kavanaugh	Mike	M4	NWVE	Waitsfield	VT
22	1:22:11	yes	White	Mark	M3		Burlington	VT
23	1:22:28	10847	Freeman	Donavon	M7	Mount Washington Nordic	Andover	NH
24	1:22:41	1095	Bland	Perry	M7	NWVT	Westford	VT
25	1:22:42		Dumont	Nolan	SR		Lincoln	ME
26	1:22:55	24699	Kelley	Rick	M6	NWVE	Hinesburg	VT
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28	1:26:25	23780	Bland	Jonathon	J1	Portland Nordic	Windham	ME
29	1:26:51		Kiffney	Tom	OJ	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME
30	1:28:28	1021	Armstrong	Doug	M7	Mount Washington Nord	North Conway	NH
31	1:28:29	32610	Rose	Angus	SR		Portland	ME
32	1:28:54	1141	Kimball	Kenneth	M8	Mount Washington Nord	Jackson	NH
33	1:32:45	28956	Doughty	Mark	M3	Cambridge Sports Union	Sherborn	MA
34	1:32:46		Rosenberg	Trent	OJ	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
35	1:32:52	2889	Holland	Bill	M7	Onion River	Montpelier	VT
36	1:33:22		Depson	Kurt	M8	BNS Acceleration Project	Scarborough	ME
37	1:33:55		Behr	Karl	M6		Tamworth	NH
38	1:35:18	4743	Drew	James	M7	Craftsbury Nordic Ski Clu	Sugar Hill	NH
39	1:36:16		Leff	Schuyler	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
40	1:36:37		Landon	Evan	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
41	1:38:11	31523	Jepson	Camden	J2	BNS Acceleration Project	Scarborough	ME
42	1:38:18	11371	Read	Richard	M8	Maine Nordic Ski Club	Lewiston	ME
43	1:38:59	2837	Dowling	Jim	M7	Maine Nordic	Buckfield	ME
44	1:40:13		Southam	Max	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
45	1:41:15		Newsom	Jeffrey	M8	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
46	1:43:03	7924	Phillips	Steve	M1	UNH Nordic Ski Club	Newmarket	NH
47	1:43:45		Manning	Alec	J1	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
48	1:45:30	24622	Hurt	Frank	M10	Mount Washington Nord	Gilford	NH
49	1:45:44	6300	Ingalls	Everett	M8		Portland	ME
50	1:45:50		Townsend	D.J.	M4	Bethel Outing Club	Ridgefield	CT
51	1:46:21	31107	Krueger	Clinton	M3	Cambridge Sports Union	Milton	MA
52	2:10:40	32613	Erdody	Chris	M4		Milford	NH
53	2:23:54	19855	Holmander	David	M7	Cambridge Sports Union	Epsom	NH

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3	1:17:30		James	Sadie	J1	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
4	1:20:33		Hotopp	Alice	OJ	Colby College Nordic Ski T	Bethel	ME
5	1:22:18	3835	McGovern	Maeve	SR	Colby College Nordic Ski	Stowe	VT
6	1:23:43	10931	Pribram	Sarah	M3	NWVE	Shelburne	VT
7	1:25:02		Krichko-Townsend	Leslie	M5	Bethel Outing Club	Ridgefield	CT
8	1:27:03	3964	Hollenbach	Liz	M1	NWVE	Jericho	VT
9	1:27:07	28760	Roman Bland	Emily	OJ	Portland Nordic	Windham	ME
10	1:28:42	18643	Popenoe	Abigail	J1	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME
11	1:31:08	6473	Chandler	Ellen	M5	Ford Sayre	New London	NH
12	1:37:31	2203	Hall	Ruth	M5	Maine Nordic Ski Club	Cumberland	ME
13	1:38:23		Goldberg	Rachael	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
14	1:38:24		Sleb	Melissa	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
15	1:43:40	1003	Newton	Jody	M7	Cambridge Sports Union	Wayland	MA
16	1:48:18	3525	Moody	Kim	M6		Pownal	ME
17	1:49:22	10451	Good	Clipperly	M1	NWVE	Searsport	ME
18	1 50:31		Southam	Sarah	M4	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME
19	1:52:12	23790	Sarvis	Sadie	J1	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME
20	1:55:53	20021	Barstow	Tricia	SR		Portland	ME
21	2:15:42		Goldberg	Rose	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
22	2:15:43		Olson	Pratt	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME
23	2:16:36		Inman	Ani	J2	Gould Academy	Bethel	ME

TELSTAR RUNNER PLACES HIGH IN NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION
Telstar junior Josef Holt ran in the New England USATF indoor Championships Feb. 17 at Harvard University. He placed third in his 3,000 meter heat, finishing in 8:42:65 and 13th overall behind some of the top college and open runners in New England. By running 8:42:65, Josef achieved the qualifying time for the Championship Two Mile race at the New Balance Nationals indoor meet at the Armory in New York City March 8-10.
(File photo)

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

Archies, Bethel move on

In the first round of the playoffs, Archies pulled off a mild upset with an overtime win over Black Bear Industries, 71-68. Also Bethel Bobcats defeated The Thundercats, 85-66. Both Laid Back Installers (11-1) and Hotel Rumford (10-2) had first round byes. Thus, number 1 seed LBI faces number 5 seed Archies (3-10) at 10 a.m. and number 2 seed Hotel Rumford faces number 3 seed Bethel (10-3) at 11:30 in the next round, Sunday, March 3.

Archies has improved their play all year and, after losing twice to BBI in the regular season, they led most of the game. After allowing Black Bear to tie the game at the end of regulation time, they held their composure enough to eke out the win. Black Bear was playing with a diminished roster, as several of their big men have been missing the last several weeks, but they had their chances. However, poor shot selection, limited inside play and defensive lapses did them in. Archies was led by Mike Holmquist with 20 points, Brett Archibauld with 12 and 11 each from Justin Archibauld and Jarrod Chessie. Josh Albee was high man for BBI (4-9) with 27 points and 6 threes and Miles Whitlock had 15.

Bethel used their speed and superior talent to coast past The Thundercats (0-13). Bethel played a little lack luster and allowed The Thundercats to hang around for a while, but put the game away in the middle of the second half. The Thundercats did show spirit and played their best game of the year. Bethel's Wade Osgood led the winners with 24 points, Ryan Savage was next with 23 and Matt Zetts added 19. The Thundercats' Mike Leclerc had 8 threes and finished with 26 points, while Jessie Cross again had a good game and contributed another 20.

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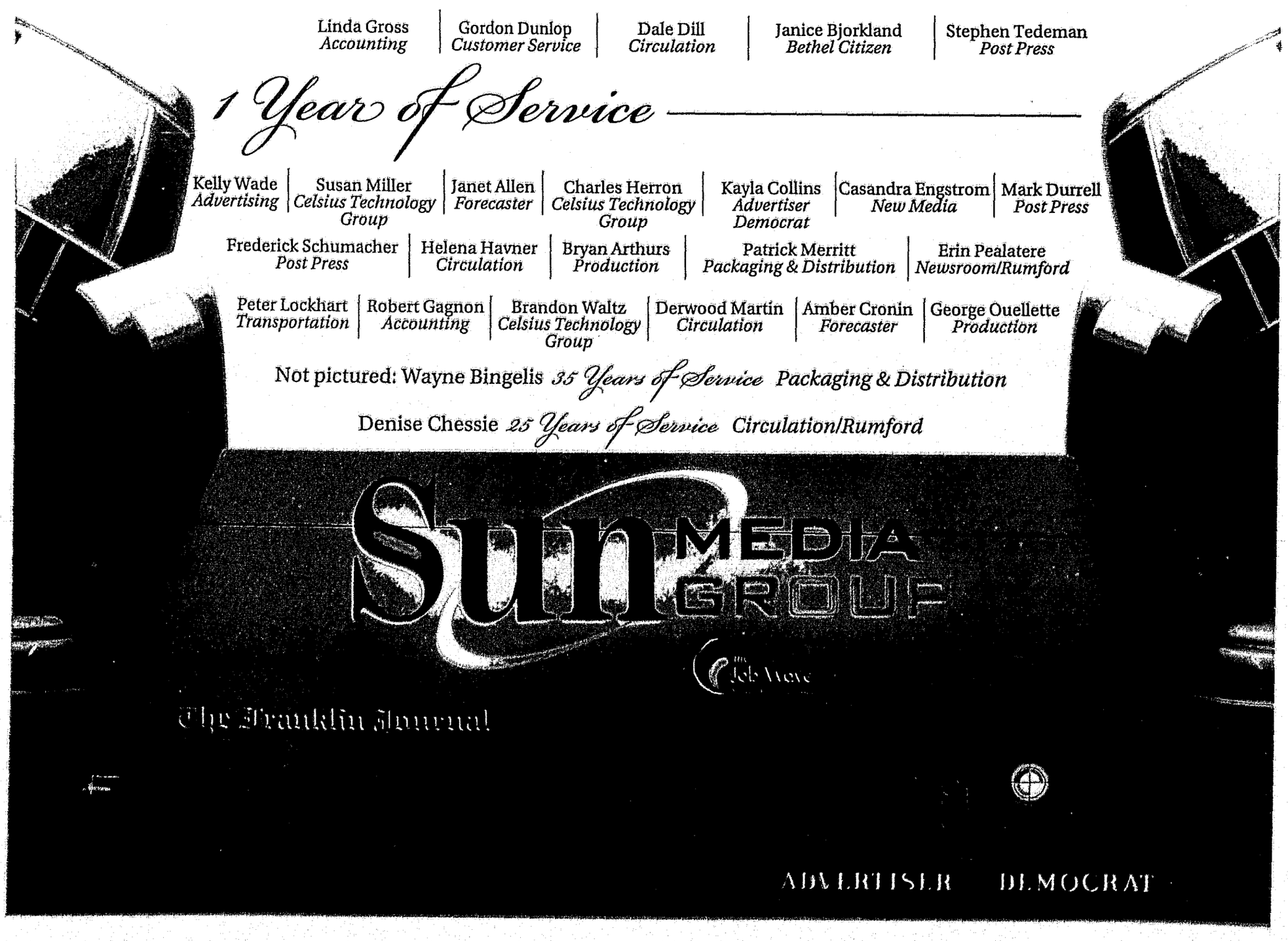

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Community Calendar

Friday, Mar. 1

1 to 7 p.m. – **Chop-a-Thon for Hailey Steward**, the Root Cellar, Main Street, Bethel. Area residents are asked to step up and shave their heads in support of 5-year-old Hailey Steward, who will soon shave her hair as she battles leukemia. Hailey will be at the Root Cellar at 2 p.m. Please call 824-3452 to let them know when to expect you.

1 p.m. – **World Day of Prayer**, West Parish Congregational Church. During the day around the globe, women will participate in the ecumenical service, written this year by the women of France. All are welcome to attend the service and the time of fellowship and refreshments following. FMI: Peggy Wight (824-0488) or Caroline Gould (824-3226).

6 p.m. – **Dinner and a Movie**, First Congregational Church, Andover. Dinner will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a dessert or snacks. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the evening.

6 to 8:30 p.m. – **Telstar Middle School Activity Night**, Telstar Auditorium, gym, and cafeteria. Open to grades 6-8.

7 p.m. – **The Note-A-Belles at the West Paris Library**. Six talented ladies will be performing a variety of folk, patriotic, and show tunes. Meet the group following this free program, and enjoy chocolate refreshments with a hot or cold drink. FMI: 674-2004.

7:30 p.m. – **Roomful of Blues**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Inspired by the spirit of the groundbreaking bands of the post-WWII decade, Roomful of Blues has breathed new life into vintage songs. $22.50/adults, $20/seniors 65+, $10/students. Ticket purchases: Online at www.fryburgacademy.org or by phone at 935-9232.

Saturday, Mar. 2

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Telstar Athletic Boosters Bottle Drive**, SAD 44 Bus Garage. Proceeds to support all TMS/THS athletic teams.

12 to 6 p.m. – **Second Chances Foundation Snowmobile Ride-In**, Newry Grange, sponsored by Greenstock Snowsports. Proceeds to benefit Aimee Driscoll's lung transplant. Chili, hamburgers, hotdogs, raffles, and more! FMI: Kathy Billings (369-9577), Edie Okenquist (875-2141), Carole Waite (364-3275).

Monday, Mar. 4

6 to 7:30 p.m. – **Telstar Middle School PTA Meeting**, Telstar Library.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Socrates Café Gathering**, Waterford Library. The topic for the March meeting will be "What is Healthy Eating?" moderated by Ursula Duve. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. FMI: 583-6957

Tuesday, Mar. 5

4:30 to 6 p.m. – **Pilgrimage to the 88 Sacred Places of Shikoku**. Presented by Western Mountains Senior College at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium. A down-home Maine talk by Toshio Hashimoto of Rumford, Maine, about the 670 mile Shikoku pilgrimage he made in March, 2011. Free and open to the public.

Wednesdays, Mar. 6, 13, 20

Noon to 1 p.m. – **Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Series**, West Parish Congregational Church. Area churches will take turns providing a soup lunch, followed by a talk on one of the Psalms. All are welcome.

Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 9 and 10

12-noon to 12-noon – **Downhill Derby at Mt. Abram**. The Downhill Derby is an epically fun 24-hour downhill ski challenge to benefit WinterKids programs. Fabulous skiing and boarding. Plenty of activities to keep you entertained around the clock!

Saturday, Mar. 9

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **American Legion Post 72 Yard Sale**, Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter open. 50/50 tickets.

7 to 10 p.m. – **The Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club**, Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria. Don Bachelder of Bernardson, Massachusetts will be calling Mainstream and Plus level dancing, and Carol Arsenault of Dresden, Maine will be cueing the rounds. Refreshments and Pot O' Gold Drawing during intermission. Admission: $6.

7:30 p.m. – **The Early Evening Show**, Buckfield High School. Join host Michael Miclon, Moto Hoonchbach, Dickie Hyper-Hynie, The Duffas, The Early Evening Show Orchestra, surprise guests and old favorites. FMI/Tickets: boodogfilms.com.

Sunday, Mar. 10

9 a.m. – **Letter B Notch Riders Meeting** at the Upton House to discuss plans and goals for the 2013 season.

Wednesday, Mar. 13

11 a.m. – **Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting**, Rooster's Roadhouse. Menu is a choice of Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed chicken breast. Reservations must be made before Feb. 28 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877). Price of meal is $11.75.

Thursday, Mar. 14

2 p.m. -**Carol Lillieqvist Welsh** will be the guest speaker at the Whitman Memorial Library. Carol, adoptee, birthmother and adoptive mother's mission is to shine light on human strength and resilience, raise awareness of the complexities of adoption, and inspire artistic design and the written word through her jewelry and her book, "360 Square."

6 p.m. – **The Spirituality of Gardening** presented by Reverend and Master Gardener Virginia Rickeman at the CEB in Andover.

Saturday, Mar. 16

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – **Lovell Flea Market and Bake Sale**, Lovell United Church of Christ, Rt. 5, Center Lovell. Lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antiques, and furniture. For table rental or information call Linda Libby (925-3661).

10 a.m. – **Child-friendly Adventure on Maggie's Trails**. Gentle snowshoe hike. Snowshoes and poles needed. Snacks provided. Meet at the entrance to Maggie's Nature Park on Greenwood Road, Greenwood.

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. – **St. Patrick's Day Dance with the Rockin' Roadrunners**, Jackson Silver Post 68, Gore Road. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Fire Auxiliary, Greenwood Fire, and Jackson Silver Post 68 Auxiliary. 21+ event. BYOB. Tickets: $8/single, $15/couple. Pre-purchase at Greenwood Town Office or by calling Missy (393-7719) and save $1 per ticket.

Mar. 22, 23, and 24

13th Annual Mountain Valley Recreational Basketball Tournament, Mountain Valley High School and Mountain Valley Middle School. Two 8-team divisions compete in round robin tournaments. Shooting contest, trophies, giveaways, food and drink specials, and local entertainment. Team entry fee: $350/$375. Spectator admission: Free. FMI: Call Eddie Paterson (364-9352) or visit mvrbl.webs.com.

Saturday, Mar. 23

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo**, Bethel Inn Conference Center. Exhibitors include Maine and New Hampshire outfitters and guide services, sporting camps, wildlife artists and authors, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and others. Seminars, fly-tying demos and contest, door prizes and more. Admission: $5/adults, youth 15 and under, free. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.

7 p.m. – **The Fly Fishing Film Tour**, Bethel Inn Conference Center. The film features a segment on the Maine salmon, produced by Carter Davidson of Gray Ghost Productions. Tickets: $7/advance purchase at the Expo, $10 at the door. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.

Wednesday, Mar. 27

7 p.m. – **High-elevation Bird Monitoring in the Northeast**, McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Learn of efforts to monitor the elusive Bicknell's Thrush from conservation biologist, Judith Scarl.

Saturday, Apr. 6

10 a.m. – **Family Waterfall Adventure**. Meet at Mahoosuc Land Trust off Route 2 to carpool to Grafton Notch and explore the waterfalls.

May 18, 19, 20

Home Garden Flower Show, Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Businesses showcasing home, energy and garden related products plus an additional five acres of outdoor garden related displays, garden centers selling zone hardy perennials, annuals, vegetable seedlings. Garden artists, guest speakers, lots of kids' activities, fair food, cooking classes and more. Admission $9. Children 10 and under free. FMI visit www.homegardenflowershow.com or call 1-800-359-2033.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdaysof the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Allance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; **fourth Thursday,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, $3/Children 12 and under, $2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU PUT CANDY UNDER YOUR PILLOW?

HUDSON	___	HOUND	BINDER	___	BRINE
WITHER	___	THEIR	COURTS	___	SCOUT
ESCAPE	___	CAPES	ODESSA	___	SODAS
DIESEL	___	SLIDE	ASHORE	___	HORSE
ITCHED	___	CHIDE	DIMPLE	___	PILED
			FIBERS	___	BRIEF

For more puzzle fun, go to www.www.brainzzles.com

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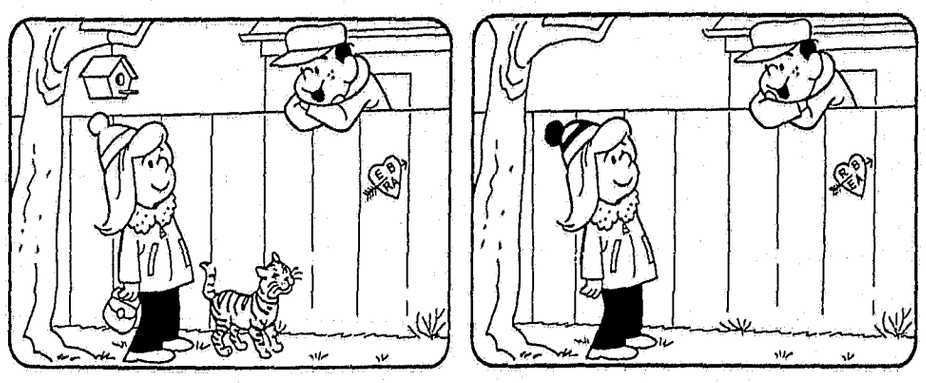
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Birdhouse is missing. 2. Hat is different. 3. Purse is missing. 4. Cat is missing. 5. Arms are switched. 6. Heart is different.

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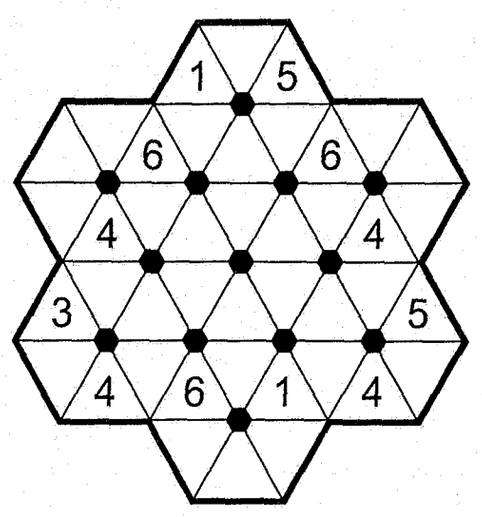
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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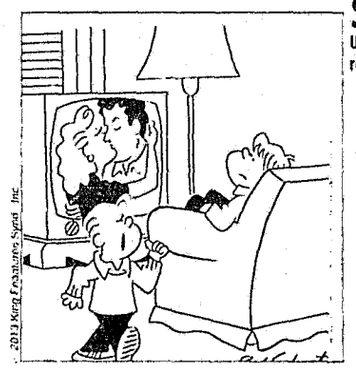
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



Emerge TROUPS ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Grand SILVAH ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

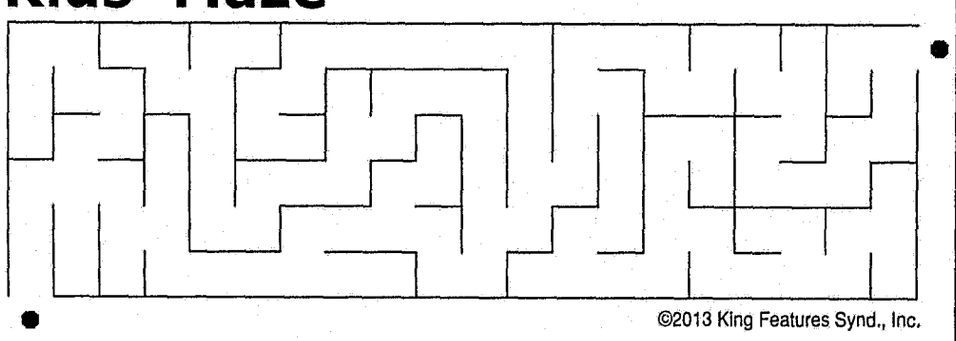
Blank TEMPY ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Close EARN ___ ___ ___ ___

"I don't know about you, but I can't take these ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ endings!"

TODAY'S WORD ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Kids' Maze



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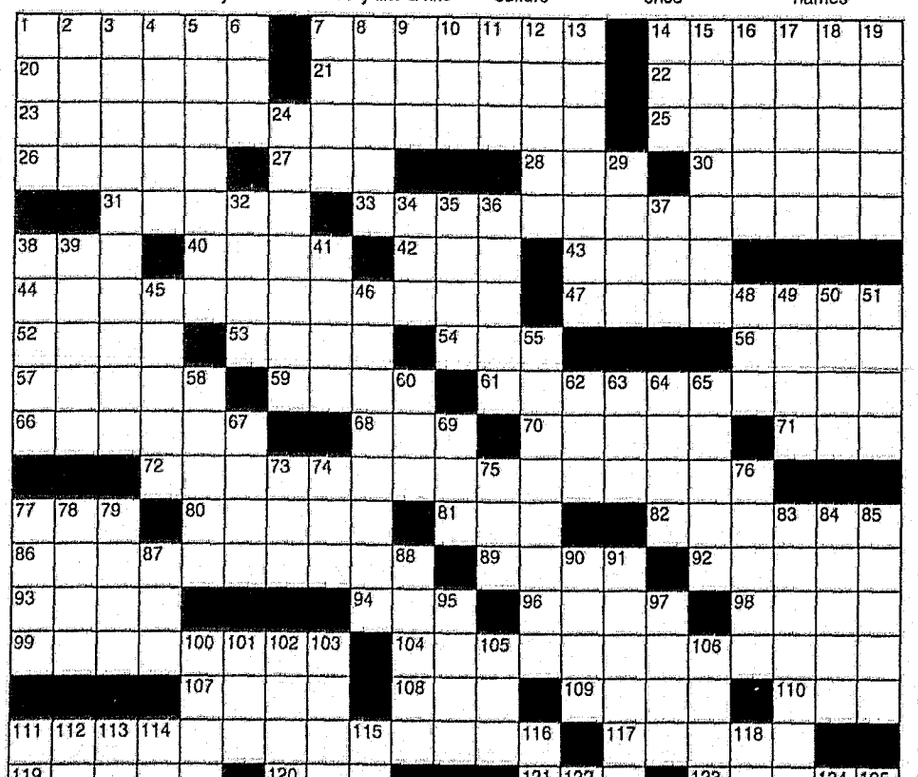
Super Crossword

GO WITH IT

ACROSS
1 Takes without right
7 Actress Alba or Tandy
14 Fine, rare violins
20 State in Mexico
21 Newspaper sales pitch
22 Present but not active
23 Fruit tossed from a ship?
25 Batting posture
26 Manitoba Indians
27 Topic in psych 101
28 A, in Austria
30 Torch's crime
31 Beehive State dweller
33 Always avoid mentioning muralist Rivera?
38 Gentle touch
40 Whit
42 Mauna —
43 Clock or cat preceder
44 Where old freight is sold?
47 Lacking firmness
52 "— Croft: Tomb Raider"
53 "The World According to —" (1982 film)
54 G3 or G4 computer
56 Chilean child
57 Mantel, e.g.
59 "All untrue!"
61 Where some tourists in Africa travel?
66 Large ducks
68 Teachers' union: Abbr.
70 High, wispy clouds
71 President pro —
72 Italian cheese sold in Florida or Georgia?
77 "... man — mouse?"
80 A nephew of Donald Duck
81 Cam output
82 Battlefield docs
86 Periods spent using a batting-practice bat?
89 Part of PS
92 "Vive —!" (French cry)
93 Polar chunk
94 Livy's 502
96 Oral history
98 Big top, e.g.
99 Málaga miss
104 Fled from Brazzaville?
107 Elvis Presley's middle name
108 Brief slumber
109 It may be permed
110 Ending for Ecuador
111 Change the location of a North Dakota city?
117 Stiffly formal
119 Occurrence
120 11th mo.
121 ETs' craft
123 Show shame
126 Champion
128 Being green with old cards for a numbers game?
133 Tolerate
134 Stimulates
135 Crude shed
136 Cease
137 109-Across salon worker
138 Most unusual

DOWN
1 Jarhead's org.
2 Fly like a kite
3 Not spayed, say
4 Thesaurus author
5 Humdrum
6 — Paulo
7 PC image file format
8 — the side of caution
9 Sis, e.g.
10 — -cone
11 Give — shot
12 Concerned person
13 Steele's collaborator
14 Yankovic and Gore
15 Bullfighter
16 1980s game console
17 Edgy
18 Wearing a disguise, for short
19 Office scribe
24 Not dorsal
29 iPod type
32 Novelist Tami
34 Building add-on
35 "Va-va- —!"
36 Really rankle
37 Appetite
38 Beat of life
39 Japanese brew
41 Prefix with culture
45 Valleys
46 Watchful
48 Political poll abbr.
49 Talent
50 Pertaining to
51 Dire destiny
55 Sprite maker
58 Tolkien hero
60 Island locale
62 Mil. enlistees
63 "... — quit!" (ultimatum ender)
64 Saroyan's "My Name Is —"
65 Watson player Bruce
67 Hard fat
69 Cleo's snake
73 Start for night or light
74 Sewn edge
75 Bit of advice
76 "— Joy"
77 Rip- — (swindles)
78 Wield power
79 Partner of ever
83 Star of "I Remember Mama"
84 Dance in a winding line
85 Use as a bench
87 GM's Prizm, once
88 West-central Italian city
90 Not yet a jr.
91 Crime of disloyalty
95 "— Three Ships"
97 Cut film, e.g.
100 Roof boards
101 Radio's Glass
102 Ripped up
103 Silky goats
105 Tax prep expert
106 Bellyached
111 Copied a cat
112 Sheeplike
113 Hawks
114 Listlessness
115 Plain to see
116 Christmas seasons
118 Homeric epic
122 Boxer's weapon
124 Bosses of cpls.
125 Owl's cry
127 No longer practicing: Abbr.
129 Shy
130 Brynner of Broadway
131 Hit CBS procedural
132 Shine, in some product names



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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.

	1		2			
					3	
2	3	2				
				1	1	
1		2				
			4	3		

DIFFICULTY: ★★

Easy ★★Moderate ★★★YOWZA!

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ANSWERS:

Star★Map solution

SNOWFLAKES solution

Puzzles4Kids Answer

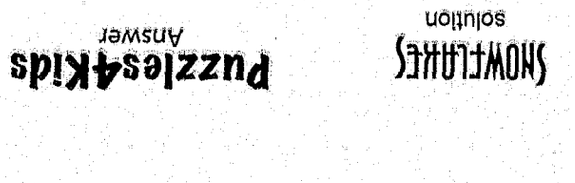
HUDSON	S	HOUND	
WITHER	W	THEIR	
ESCAPE	E	CAPES	
DIESEL	E	SLIDE	
ITCHED	T	CHIDE	
BINDER	D	BRINE	
COURTS	R	SCOUT	
ODESSA	E	SODAS	
ASHORE	A	HORSE	
DIMPLE	M	PILED	
FIBERS	S	BRIEF	

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Sprout; 2. Lavish; 3. Empty; 4. Near

Today's Word: UNHAPPY

Kids' Maze solution



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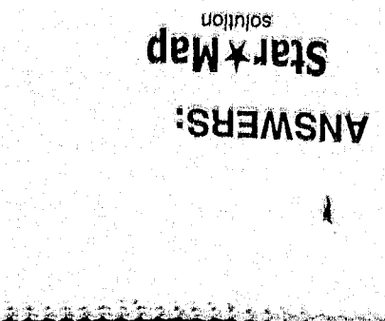

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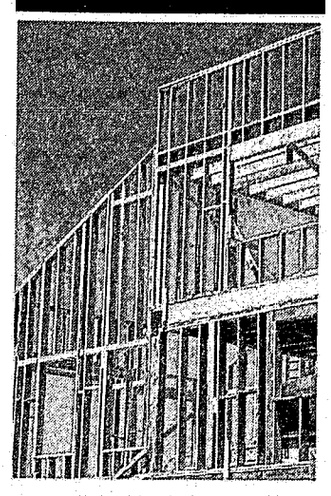

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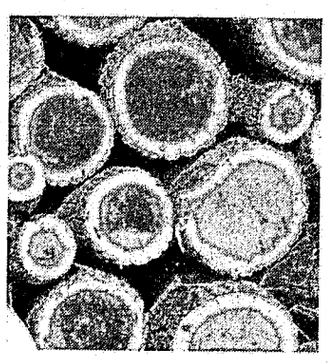

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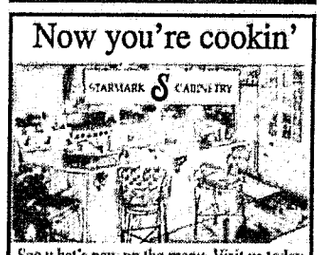

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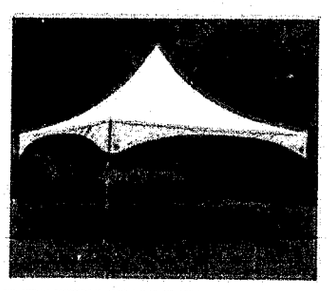

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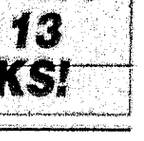

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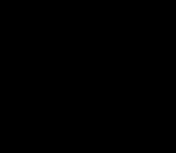

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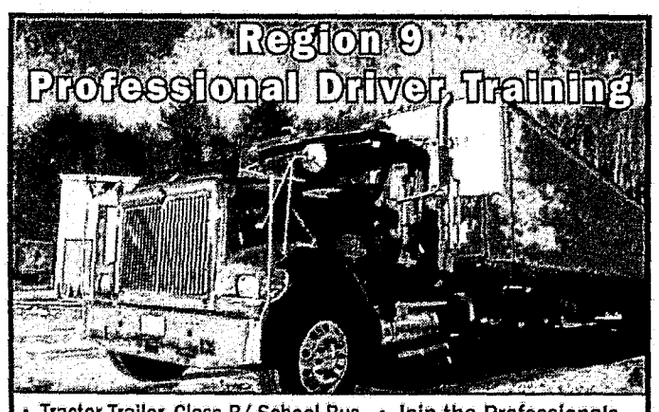

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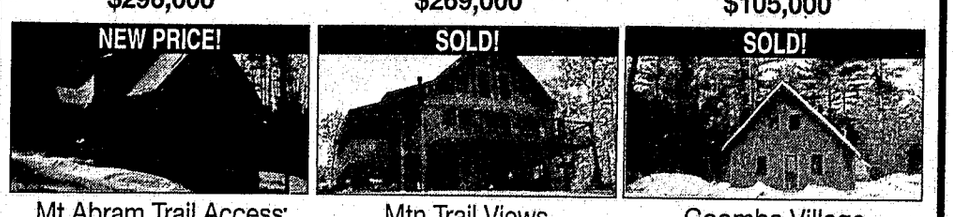

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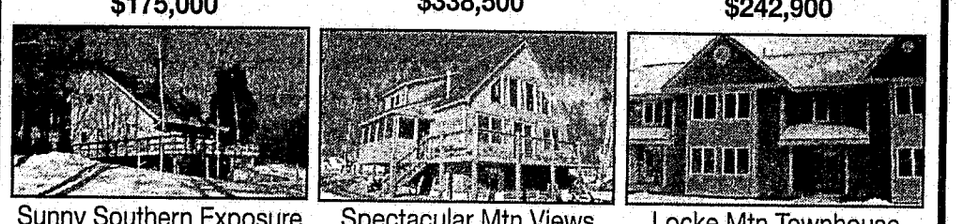

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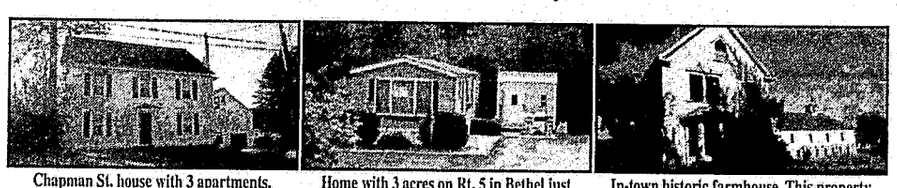

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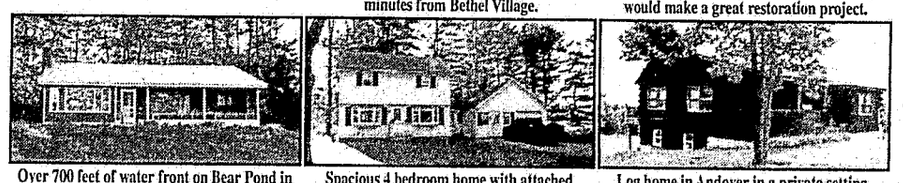

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RODNEY A. HAYES

Rodney Hayes, a quiet and well-respected man of 65 years, went to sleep in the Lord, Feb. 18, 2013.

Although he will be sadly missed, his life was one to be celebrated. While Debbie, his loving wife of 32 years, and his "canine kids" (or beloved dogs) formed his immediate family, he left behind a myriad of much loved family and friends.

The small community of Shelburne, N.H., has lost a dear friend, a man with an unassuming manner, an undeniable wit and charm that was on display to all who are thankful to have known him. Rodney was a dedicated and active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church as well.

A "Celebration of Rodney's Life" will take place on Saturday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.'ish at the Seventh Day Adventist Church located at the corner of First Avenue and Mt. Forest, Berlin, N.H.

Donations to the family or to Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA) may be made to Debbie Hayes, 1172 State Street, Route 2, Shelburne, NH 03581

CHARLES W. HOLDEN

Charles W. Holden, 93, of West Paris died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013 at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center.

He was born in West Paris, June 30, 1919, the son of James M. and Florence Rollins Holden. He was educated in local schools and had been a woodsman and farmer all of his life.

He married Kathleen Skillings on March 20, 1948. He liked to read, travel and spend time in his garden.

He is survived by his son, Matthew Holden and his wife, Colleen, of South Paris; many foster children including special foster sons, Timothy Fairbanks of Colorado, and Clarence Faulkner and his wife, Leigh, of Hebron; grandchildren, Allyssa, Kathleen, Rachel, Travis, Jeremy, Joshua, Caleb and Gabriel; a great-grandson, Nicholas Holden Maurice; a sister, Claribel Holden of Oxford; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife on April 3, 2011; and two brothers, Albert Holden and Peter Holden.

The family wishes to extend a special thank-you for the care and compassion shown to Charles by our second family at Nor way Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A time of sharing and remembrance will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center, 29 Marion Avenue, Norway.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Activities Fund at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center.

SHIRLEY B. LOWELL

Shirley B. Lowell, 90, of Bethel, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2013 at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris.

She was born in Greenwood on Sept. 9, 1922, the daughter of Forest and Annie Glover Merrill. Shirley married Linwood Lowell and was a housekeeper. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, as well as playing bingo. Shirley was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Locke Mills.

She is survived by her children, Leslie and his wife Martha Bates of Turner, Mildred Chaloux and her husband Norman of Berlin, N.H., Robert Bates and his wife Elizabeth of Otisfield and Michael Bates and his wife Nancy of Brunswick; grandchildren, Dondi Record of Poland, Leslie (Sonny) Bates Jr. of Turner, Duane Bates of Turner, Darlene Miller of Laconia, N.H., Wayne Chaloux of Berlin, N.H., Patty Derosier of Danbury, N.H., Tim Chaloux of Berlin, N.H., Tammy Thomas of Otisfield, Shelley Boynton of Dixfield, Robert Bates Jr. of Dixfield, Shannon Bates of Rumford, Dori Potter and Kelly Nelson of Lewiston; and a sister, Pearl Lader of Clairmont, N.H.

She was predeceased by her husband, Linwood; her mother, Annie Glover Merrill Billings; her father, Forest Merrill; her sons, Stanley Bates, Linwood Bates and John Bates; her brothers, Roland Hatfield and Herbert Hatfield; and her sister, Reba Wilmot.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 23, at Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Greenleaf Chapel, Bethel.

Interment will be in the spring at Wayside Cemetery, West Paris.

JOHN (DANFORTH) E. COX IV

John (Danforth) E. Cox, IV, 29, of Woodstock passed away on Saturday, February 9 at Maine Medical Center. He was born in Norway on April 30, 1983 the son of John E. Cox, III and Theresa Andrews. He attended schools in Woodstock, Oxford and Lake Region, graduating from Adult Education at Oxford Hills High School in 2012.

He furthered his education in the nursing field becoming a C.N.A. and a Phlebotomist and he was a mental health rehabilitation counselor.

John worked in many nursing homes in and around the area. He also worked as a millwright at the Seabrook Nuclear Power plant in N.H.

He was owner and operator of Northstar Kennels where he bred and trained Weimaraner dogs. He traveled all over the eastern states entering the dogs in shows. Several of his dogs became champions at these shows.

He loved his family and helped with the care of his great grandmother, while she was residing with his grandmother, before her death in September of 2011.

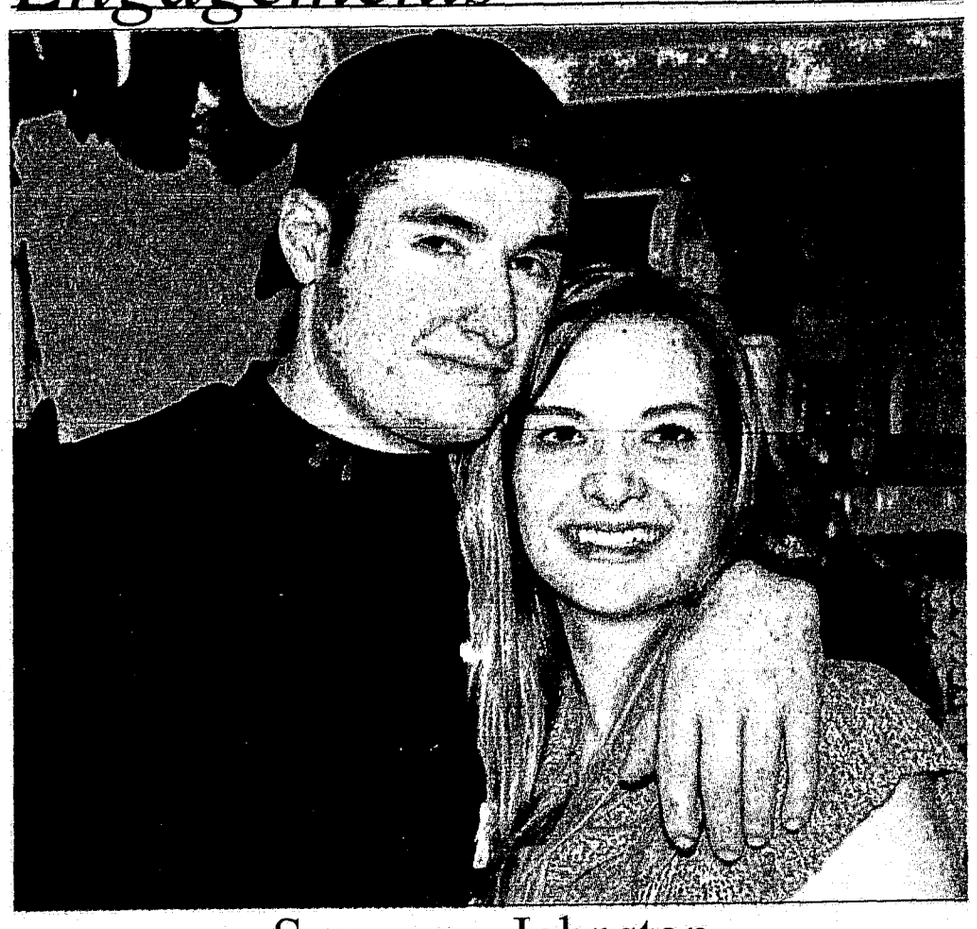
He was a very caring individual and took his grandmother and great grandmother to the casino in Connecticut. He had many friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He leaves behind his father, John Cox, III of Woodstock; his mother, Theresa Theriault of Waterford; a brother, Joseph Cox of Auburn; and a sister, Haleigh Bonney of Norway; his grandparents, Carol Cox of Woodstock, Gary and Lynn Andrews of West Paris and Laurel Hopper of Oklahoma; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

A Celebration of Life for John (Danforth) E. Cox IV will be held at Ledgeview Living Center, 141 Bethel Rd., West Paris, Me. in the Anderson Auditorium on March 3, 2013 at 2 p.m.

Engagements

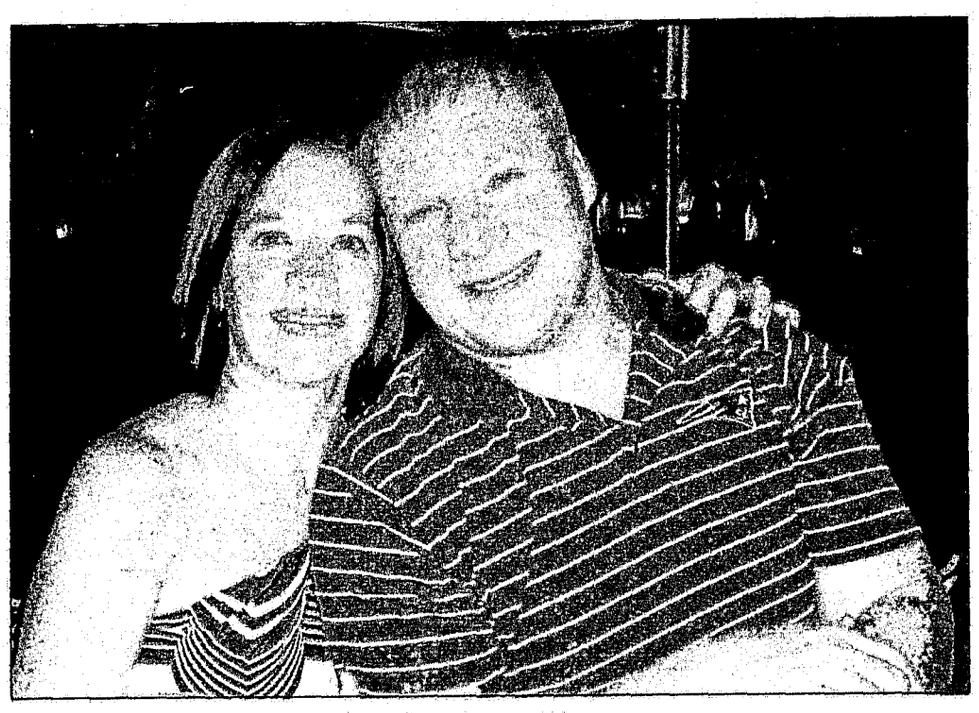


Sumner – Johnston

Shannon and Lisa Sumner of Albany Township are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Sumner to Kevin Johnston, son of James Johnston of Bryant Pond and Linda Johnston of Thompson.

The couple are both graduates of Telstar Regional High School and currently reside in Oxford.

A fall 2014 wedding is being planned.



Kimball - Fraser

Brooklyn and Leah, daughters of Koral Kimball, and Emily and Bailey, daughters of Scott Fraser, all of Bethel, are excited to announce the engagement of their parents.

Scott is a pharmacist at Hannaford in Rumford. He is the son of Edleen and John Winslow of Bethel and grandson of Doris Fraser of Bethel.

Koral is the co-owner and director of Nurturing Vines Child Care in Bethel. She is the daughter of Sally and Ronald Smith of Greenwood.

The family plans to exchange vows this July at their home in Bethel.

Births

Roxanne and Brandon Roberts of West Paris are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Novaleigh Kai Roberts, born on Jan. 29, 2013 at Rumford Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Bruce and Judy Smith of Bethel, David Roberts of Bethel, and Judy Roberts of South Paris.

Great-grandparents are Walter and Shirley Moyse of West Paris, Howard and Penny Jewell of Waterford, Ed and Jackie Gammon of Bryant Pond and Florence Walker of Bryant Pond.

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Erica K. Waltman and Michael E. Bryer, Jr., of Mason Township, Maine, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Scarlett Rose Bryer, born on Jan 30, 2013, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Glen Myers, Kim Day, Katherine Westleigh.

Paternal grandparents are Virginia DELnero, David DELnero and Kelly Pike and Michael E. Bryer, Sr.

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I would like to thank my loving family and all my dear friends who sent me cards, flowers, gifts, and, most of all, the many prayers offered for my recovery of my recent illness. A special thank you to the Bethel Ambulance and Stoneham Rescue for their quick response. I am very grateful for everyones thoughtfulness, care and concern.
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